

An  
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Pleanála

## Board Order

**ABP-312543-22**

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### Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Laois County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20/605**

**Appeal** by Pat Booth care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 by Laois County Council to refuse permission.


**Proposed Development:** Quarry activities for the extraction of and processing of sand and gravel, on site processing of the material to include extraction, washing, sizing, screening and stockpiling. Intermittent crushing of oversized aggregate material. Dispatch of the processed materials off-site on Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's). Installation of site wheel wash, refuelling area, oil interceptors, sludge settlement ponds and storm water attenuation/sediment and settlement ponds. Development of three number lay-bys on the local road L7939, a new site entrance and internal site access road. Landscaping works to include a planted berm running next to the site entrance and southern boundary of the site. Provision of site office, welfare facilities and all ancillary development infrastructure. Final restoration of the site, all on a site of circa 12.84 hectares at Garrans, Stradbally, County Laois, as revised by the further public notices received by the planning authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

## Decision

**REFUSE permission for the above proposed development for the reasons and considerations set out below.**

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, and the proximity of the proposed development to the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002162), in particular, proximity to the Alluvial forest within the Special Area of Conservation, and also having regard to the hydrological and hydrogeological connection to the Special Area of Conservation, noting the natural drainage at ground level and groundwater level of the southern part of the site towards the Special Area of Conservation, the Board is not satisfied, beyond a reasonable scientific doubt, that the proposed development would not have an adverse impact on the qualifying interests of the River Barrow and River Nore Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002162). In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission for the proposed development.



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**Tom Rabbette**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of MAY 2024.