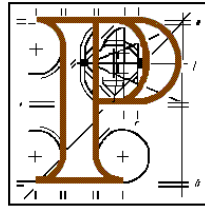


# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

**Mayo County**

**Planning Register Reference Number: QY1/CQ1**

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 16.QD.0022

Associated Substitute Consent Reference Number: 16.SU.0098

**WHEREAS** Michael Geraghty of Rehins, Castlebar, County Mayo made an application to An Bord Pleanála on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, pursuant to section 37L of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, to further develop a quarry at Cartron, Newport, County Mayo in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the Board.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board, in accordance with section 37N of the said Act, decided to **REFUSE** permission to further develop the quarry based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below,

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In making its decision the Board had regard, inter alia, to the following:

- (a) the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and in particular Section 37L,
- (b) the 'Quarry and Ancillary Activities, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2004,
- (c) the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014 - 2020,
- (d) the report and the opinion of the planning authority under section 37L(12)(a),
- (e) the submissions made in accordance with Regulations made under Article 270 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (f) the planning history of the site,
- (g) the pattern of development in the area,
- (h) the decision of the Board to refuse substitute consent in respect of the subject quarry under reference number 16.SU.0098,
- (i) the nature and scale of the development the subject of this application for further development of the quarry, and
- (j) the report of the Board's Inspector.

It is considered that:

1. The proposed development would involve the further development of the existing quarry which has been refused substitute consent (under An Bord Pleanála reference number 16.SU.0098) and is therefore an unauthorised development in accordance with Section 177O(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). To permit an extension of the quarry would, therefore, not be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. The access road serving the site is deficient in width, alignment, structure and surface condition and is not capable of carrying the traffic that the proposed further development of the quarry would generate. The further development of the quarry would, therefore, endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users.
  
3. The proposed further development of the quarry would seriously injure the landscape and the scenic amenities of the area in a manner that is contrary to policy LP-01 of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020 and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

### **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

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

**Dated this            day of            2017.**