



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order 07.QD.0024

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018

Planning Authority: Galway County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: QSP31

Associated Substitute Consent Reference Number: 07.SU.0069

WHEREAS Martin Mannion care of Earth Science Partnership (Ireland) Limited of Tonranny Westport, County Mayo made an application to An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of January, 2016, pursuant to section 37L of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, to further develop a quarry at Lettershea, County Galway 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

The Board considered that the principle of further quarrying at this location would be generally acceptable given the history of the site and the policies of the current development plan for the area. However, having regard to:

- the lack of detail regarding the operation and management of the proposed further quarrying,
- the lack of detail in the submitted Natura impact statement regarding the potential impact of further excavations at greater depth,
- the lack of detail regarding the operational aspects including operational management practices to control emissions to air and water, and
- the environmental sensitivity of the area and proximity to designated habitats,

the Board is not satisfied that the proposal for further development of the quarry would not adversely affect the integrity of a European Site, in particular the Connemara Bog Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code number 002034). The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary 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.

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

Dated this day of 2018