

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

Wexford County

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APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTE CONSENT by Redrock Developments Limited care of PD Lane Associates of 1 Church Road, Greystones, County Wicklow in accordance with section 177E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

LOCATION OF QUARRY: Balcarrighill, Ballycanew, Gorey, County Wexford.

BOARD DECISION

The Board, in accordance with section 177K of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and based on the Reasons and Considerations set out below, decided to **REFUSE** substitute consent.

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.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the nature and scale of the subject development, the planning history of the site, and the provisions of Section 177K(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), it is considered that the operation of the development subject of this substitute consent application which included the deepening and lateral expansion of the quarry area gave rise to a danger to public health and to serious environmental pollution by reason principally of 'Acid Rock Drainage' contamination of groundwater (but also from hydrocarbon contamination), and following on from this contamination of groundwater, a potential future threat to surface waters in the area. In addition, the use of contaminated water for aggregate washing may have resulted in fugitive dust emissions from this site, with elevated concentrations of metals, which may have impacted on residents of the area and road users. To grant substitute consent would, therefore, be prejudicial to public health, would be detrimental to ecology, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

Dated this day of 2017.