

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

Mayo County

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APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTE CONSENT by Michael Geraghty of Rehins, Castlebar, County Mayo in accordance with section 177E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

LOCATION OF QUARRY: Cartron, Newport, County Mayo.

BOARD DECISION

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

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 quarry operation for which substitute consent is sought, and its planning history;
- The pattern of development in the area including proximity to a number of houses;
- The nature of the access road serving the site, which is considered to be inadequate to cater for the significant volume of heavy goods vehicles accessing the operational quarry;
- The documented instances when the amenities of the area were injured by reason of noise, dust and general disturbance when the quarry was operational;
- The inadequate surface water management measures in place to cater for silt-laden run-off from the site and access road, which polluted water subsequently drained to local watercourses in an uncontrolled manner;
- The elevated nature of the site and visual scarring and negative landscape impacts caused by the quarry excavations;
- The limited environmental monitoring or management measures in place at the site when it was in operation, which are considered inadequate;

It is considered that the operation of the quarry at this location gave rise to significant environmental effects, which seriously injured the residential amenity of dwellings in the area, seriously injured the amenities of other users of the access road, had unacceptable negative impacts on the visual amenity of the area, gave rise to an unacceptable risk of water pollution and that the quarry caused a danger to public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users. To permit substitute consent, would, therefore 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.