



An
Bord
Pleanála

Pre-Application Consultation
pursuant to Section 177E(1A) of the
Planning and Development Acts,
2000, as amended.

Inspector's Report on
ABP-319966-24

Development Sought	Quarry (no further elaboration provided)
Location	Garrynagry, Roscahill, County Galway
Planning Authority	Galway County Council
Prospective Applicant	Moycullen Crushing Services Limited
Date of Consultation Meeting	26 th September 2024
Date of Site Inspection	N/A
Inspector	Ian Campbell

1.0 Introduction

The Board received a request on the 18th June 2024 from Quarry Plan on behalf of Moycullen Crushing Services Limited, to enter into a pre-application consultation under section 177E(1A) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board decided to grant this request from the prospective applicants by Direction dated 31st of July 2024.

- 1.1 A pre-application consultation meeting was held on 26th day of September 2024. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the nature of the pre-application consultation undertaken, pursuant to Section 177E(1A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

2.0 Site Location

The site of the quarry is located at Garrynagry, Roscahill, c. 5km south-east of Oughterard, County Galway. The overall area of the site has not been specified by the prospective applicant. Correspondence from Galway County Council notes that the site area concerned exceeds 5 Ha. Access to the quarry is via a local access road to the east, which in turn connects to the N59 (Galway to Clifden Road). There are a number of single houses in the vicinity of the site. Lough Corrib is situated c. 1.8 km north of the site.

3.0 Description of Proposal

From the documentation attached to the file, the applicant is seeking to submit two applications, substitute consent to authorise a quarry, and permission under Section 37L for 'recommencement'. No further details have been provided. Plans submitted by the prospective applicant are limited to a copy of a site plan indicating areas with annotations including 'quarry light use', 'quarry medium use' 'quarry heavy use' and 'quarry proposed use'. An aerial based map of the quarry has also been submitted. No information in relation to extraction volumes, rates etc. have been included

4.0 Planning History

Following a search on GCC's planning portal there is no planning history on the site.

There is a history on enforcement on the site. P.A Ref's EN13/067, EN19/143 and EN21/98 refer (no details available).

5.0 Legislation

Any subsequent application for Substitute Consent will be lodged under the provisions of Section 37L and Section 177E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and Part 19 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

6.0 Prospective Applicant's Case

6.1 The prospective applicant requested the pre-application consultation in order to determine the process of how to submit an application for substitute consent and what that application should contain.

7.0 Pre-Application Consultation Meeting

7.1 A Pre-Application Consultation meeting took place via Microsoft Teams on the 26th day of September 2024, commencing at 11.00 am. Representatives of the prospective applicant and An Bord Pleanála were in attendance. An agenda was issued by An Bord Pleanála prior to the meeting. The prospective applicant was advised in advance of the meeting that the consultation would relate solely to the administrative procedures around the lodgement of an application, and any associated requirements.

7.2 This report should be read in conjunction with the written record on file of the pre-application consultation meeting held with the prospective applicant. It is not proposed to repeat the contents of those records in detail here. The main topics raised for discussion at the meeting were as follows:

- Introductions
- Description of development and relevant background.
- Procedural Advice with regard to any subsequent application for Substitute Consent.

The minutes of the meeting were forwarded to the applicant for response. No response was received.

8.0 Conclusion

The meeting concluded. The applicant did not indicate that they would be requesting a further meeting. I, therefore, recommend that the pre-application consultation process should be closed.

Ian Campbell
Planning Inspectorate

27th day of November 2024