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## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: ABP 319224-24Defer Re O/H ☐Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 21/1/25  
fromJoseph Robinson I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000  
be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): No new planning issuesE.O.: Danien J ConnorDate: 22/1/25

## For further consideration by SEO/SAO

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☐Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply. ☐

S.E.O.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.O.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

Please prepare BP \_\_\_\_\_ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached  
submission

to: \_\_\_\_\_ Task No: \_\_\_\_\_

Allow 2/3/4weeks – BP \_\_\_\_\_

EO: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CORRESPONDENCE FORM**

Appeal No: ABP 319 224 -24

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Please treat correspondence received on 21/1/25 as follows:

1. Update database with new agent for Applicant/Appellant \_\_\_\_\_

2. Acknowledge with BP 23

3. Keep copy of Board's Letter ☐

1. RETURN TO SENDER with BP \_\_\_\_\_

2. Keep Envelope: ☐

3. Keep Copy of Board's letter ☐

Amendments/Comments

Joseph Robinson's Further response to S131 notice ✓

4. Attach to file

(a) R/S ☐

(d) Screening ☐

(b) GIS Processing ☐

(e) Inspectorate ☐

(c) Processing ☐

RETURN TO EO ☒

D O Connor

EO: Daniel O'Connor

Date: 22/1/25

Plans DateStamped ☐

Date Stamped Filled in ☐

AA: for the Board

Date: 22/01/2025

**From:** Trish Murphy <trish\_murphy75@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 21 January 2025 20:58  
**To:** Appeals2  
**Subject:** Fw: Fw: Objections -ABP 319224-24 Planning Authority Ref: 2360266 -Mr. Joseph Robinson  
**Attachments:** Joseph Robinson - Objection to Appeal by Kilsaran Concrete.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a signed copy of Mr. Joseph Robinson's objection to the above named ABP 319224-24 Planning Authority Ref. 2350266.

I apologise for the oversight. I have already submitted an unsigned copy on his behalf.

If you need anything further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards.

Patricia Murphy

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**From:** Trish Murphy <[trish\\_murphy75@hotmail.com](mailto:trish_murphy75@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** January 20, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** [appeals@pleanala.ie](mailto:appeals@pleanala.ie) <[appeals@pleanala.ie](mailto:appeals@pleanala.ie)>  
**Subject:** Objections -ABP 319224-24 Planning Authority Ref: 2360266 -Mr. Joseph Robinson

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find enclosed a letter of objection to the above mentioned ABP319224-24, Planning Authority Reference 2360266. I am forwarding you this letter from my brother Mr. Joseph Robinson as he does not have wifi or a computer.

This is in response to a letter received from Mr. Daniel O'Connor, Executive Officer.

If there is anything further that you need please let me know.

Kind Regards.

Patricia Murphy for Joseph Robinson



January 19, 2024

**ABP-319224-24**

**Planning Authority Reference Number: 2360266**

Secretary,  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D0V V902

Submitted by Email: [appeals@pleanala.ie](mailto:appeals@pleanala.ie)

Joseph Robinson,  
Kilrathmurray,  
Enfield, Co. Meath  
A83VF80

Re: Development of quarry and associated works. The proposed operational period is for 10 years plus 2 years to complete restoration.

Location: Kilrainy and Kilrathmurray Townlands, Clonard, Co. Kildare

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your letter of December 20<sup>th</sup> requesting further submissions and observations in relation to the above-mentioned application. As suggested by you I am submitting by email.

I wish to continue my objection to Kilsaran Concrete's quarry development which was approved by Kildare County Council. After reviewing the additional documents, you sent, my concerns have not been addressed. I believe approving this project is a mistake that will further harm the environment and the surrounding community. This quarry has been operating for 25 years and has depleted its supply of sand and gravel. The new application is to bring in 35,000 tonnes of sand and aggregate every year for the next 10 years into the quarry/pit. Also, 250,000 tonnes of rock to be extracted for 10 years. Two further years will be required to restore the land for agricultural use and to become a safe ecological site.

I am an elderly gentleman entering my 70's this year and have lived at my home for all those 70 years. This is also the home of my relatives, both living and deceased for generations. I do not enjoy good health and have struggled to meet the deadline to object to this appeal with only 17 business days provided to respond over the Christmas period.



**My Concerns:****Road Safety and Accessibility:**

I have been instructed by my Doctor and Physiotherapist to walk every day as I have mobility issues. I find it is impossible to do so on this country road due to the heavy truck traffic caused by Kilsaran's operations. It is just not safe for pedestrians as to try to move in when these trucks pass cause me to step in ruts and I am afraid of falling. As I don't drive I am literally trapped in my house. This road is my only connection to the outside world and now I feel my mental health is also suffering.

**Trucks:**

I observe the trucks going by every day as I stand at my avenue gate and of late, I have noticed there are numerous trucks from different companies taking covered loads into the quarry/pit. How does Kilsaran monitor these subcontracted haulage companies? How does Kilsaran hold them to the same standard Kilsaran drivers are supposed to adhere to?

Before this new application went in, I have counted 20 trucks an hour going by. The dust and dirt that is thrown off either from the trucks or the road itself coats everything. If I leave my windows open in the Summer, they are covered in a layer of dust and dirt. The number of particulates in the air that can affect human health is substantial.

**Water and Well Issues:**

The use of water is an issue for all surrounding homes and farms. If my well or any other household or farm goes dry, we will have no access to clean water. In the Application that Kilsaran first put in and was refused this was an issue. Kilsaran offered to truck in water. That is not a real or sustainable solution.

**Noise and Blasting:**

The noise and vibrations from blasting have been unbearable at times and are likely to get worse as this application is asking for permission to extract 250,000 tonnes of rock per year. The proposed new entrance will make the noise from the trucks turning into the Quarry/Pit and waiting even louder as they are now about 400 meters from my house.

**Too Many Quarries:**

Our area is overwhelmed by quarries. Kilsaran have just opened a new Quarry/Pit about 1 kilometer away. There is another one, 3 kilometers away operated by Roadstone that has just reopened. Like the L5002, the roads where both these quarries are on are single track roads and cannot take all the heavy traffic. People driving to work, school buses going to and from Clogherinkoe school, people going to Clogherinkoe Church, parents taking their children to





school and play school at Clogherinkoe must contend with truck traffic. The environmental damage is extensive.

As someone who has lived here for decades, I ask An Bord Pleanala to protect our community and our countryside. Consider this application carefully and the consequences it will have on the farms and families in the area. These farms and families are already struggling to protect agricultural land for future generations. The effects of climate change are being felt more and more every day and we watch in despair as towns and villages flood and burn all over the world, with Ireland being no exception. Having trucks going in and out of a sand pit day in, day out, taking the very essence of the land away, spewing diesel into the air, is only adding to that.

I implore you to think wisely before you make your decision. I have already submitted to you a letter of objection which you received on March 7, 2024. I would be grateful if you would include that letter with this one for the Board's perusal.

With sincere thanks,

*J. Robinson*

Joseph Robinson

