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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached our letter of observation for your consideration.

Kind Regards,  
Arlene Hennessy

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An Bord Pheanála  
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**RE:     Substitute Consent Application  
          Quarry, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin  
          Case Number: ABP-310461-21**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write in relation to the above and our previous submissions as well as those of our neighbours over the years.

We moved to Windmill Hill almost 20 years ago and during this time, we have watched as the quarry has expanded exponentially. It has infringed on daily life not just for our family but for all our neighbours, in quite a detrimental way. There are clear, unambiguous and legitimate issues with the existence and expansion of the quarry which it would seem to any reasonable person, are ignored in the vested interests of construction, waste management and infrastructural development. Put simply, no one seems to care about the environmental impact on the Windmill Hill area including Rathcoole Village.

In more recent years, the rise in dust levels is of particular concern as it must be affecting the population of a rapidly growing urban area. The frequency and intensity of blasts at the quarry have increased dramatically.

In the interest of public health and that of our family we are worried about the erosion of the water table as we rely on drilled wells to provide water for our property. We are concerned that expansion of the quarry is negatively impacting the quality of water supplied to our home.

The volume of traffic using the quarry as a building materials dumping ground is very concerning. This, combined with the increased number of trucks bringing materials from the quarry, presents an increased danger for road users along country roads that were never designed for such purposes. This was highlighted by The Planning Authority but again, conditions for the relevant planning seem to be ignored. The volume of spill from overloaded and uncovered trucks particularly around Junction 5 onto the N7 must be seen to be believed. It is only a matter of time until a major incident occurs on one of the busiest roads in the country.

Looking at the quarry from the N7, it is hard to comprehend just how much of the topography has been eroded. Windmill Hill has basically been sliced away to a point where the old Windmill (Protected Structure) is clearly in danger of collapsing into the quarry. Once again, no heed has been paid to this possibility with only a small row of planted trees along the 'cliff edge'.

Perhaps the most alarming part of all, is that the quarry continues to function and expand despite planning restrictions on zoned rural land. This is another instance of blatant disregard, not just of Planning Procedures and the local community but a continuing flagrancy of authority. It is beyond a joke that works/structures which required planning permission have already been completed/erected. The lack of enforcement here is truly lamentable.

Please confirm receipt of this submission and keep us informed of relevant developments.

Yours faithfully,

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