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Attached please find our responses to your correspondence dated 21/08/2024.  
A copy has also been sent in the post.

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

Irene and John O'Brien

Sent from my iPhone



John & Irene O'Brien

Windmill Hill

Rathcoole

Co. Dublin

9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

An Bord Pheanála  
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Dublin 1

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

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the above and our previous submissions in 2016 and 2021 which should form part of this application as they are all related.

We have lived on Windmill Hill for nearly fifty years, this submission is made on the basis of the impact the quarry activity is having on our home and our family.

**These concerns are as follows:**

**Air Quality:**

In previous submissions we have raised concerns about the impact the quarry has on air quality in particular dust particles, odours and emissions. In addition, the generation of dust from the quarry has a considerable impact on our property with our buildings, windows, cars and site constantly covered in layers of dust.

**Noise and Vibration:**

Over the past number of years, we have noticed the frequency and severity of blasts at the quarry have increased to the point where we have serious concerns for our property and the local environment. The blast tremors are significantly stronger and more frequent than heretofore suggesting the blasting sites are moving closer to the protected Windmill site as well as the residential properties in the vicinity which includes our own home. Our property has already suffered structural damage due to the continuous blasting over the years.  
**There is no robust early warning system in place to inform residents about blasting.**

**Traffic:**

The Planning Authority has noted that the traffic generated by the quarry on the N7 national road is quite significant. It must also be noted that the traffic generated by the quarry also impacts on the local minor public road, Farmersvale Road. Trucks regularly travel this road from the quarry with the quality of the road compromised due to spillage of rock/stone. Equally the safety of the road is compromised due to narrowing of the road in places making it impossible for trucks and cars to pass each other safely. I note that Condition 35 Access to Quarry would be imposed in the event that ABP grant permission.

**Water:**

In the interest of public health and that of our family we also have concerns about the erosion of the water table as we rely on drilled springs to provide water for our property. We are concerned that expansion of the quarry may impact on the quality of water supplied to our home.

**Protected Structure:**

The unauthorised development of the quarry is moving deeper into the field where the protected structure is (Locally referred to as the Windmill). There is now a clearly visible overhang from the N7 where previous restrictions around the protected structure are being circumvented by blasting down and under the field. Consequently, the long-term preservation of this structure is at risk.

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South Dublin County Council are not granting planning permission to children of local landowners to build standalone homes on land that has been in families for generations. On the grounds of protecting the environment, landscape and habitat of local flora/fauna.

We acknowledge that the proposer has accepted numerous conditions stipulated by SDCC should ABP grant permission. However, there is no guarantee that these conditions can be enforced by SDCC or complied with by the proposer.

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Yours faithfully,

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