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## Memorandum ABP-317874-23

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**To:** Ms. M. Cassells, SEO.

**From:** E. O'Sullivan, EO.

**Re:** ABP-317874-23

Extraction of sand and gravel materials from the site. The proposed site area is 8.44 hectares, and the proposed extraction area is 5.52 hectares. The proposed development includes a surface mounted weighbridge, wheel wash, portacabin office, canteen and welfare facilities with all site ancillary works, and fencing. It is proposed to extract 50,000 tonnes per annum for a period of 10 years. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been submitted in respect of the proposed development.

Walterstown , Hollywood , Co. Wicklow

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

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This is a First party appeal lodged on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, against a decision made by Wicklow County Council to refuse permission for the above-mentioned development.

### GROUNDINGS

Grounds of appeal can be summarised as follows:

The Main Issues raised are:

- Archaeology consideration can be addressed by way of a condition rather than a reason for refusal.
- Proposed development will not have any significant impact on any sensitive receptor as a result of noise.

- There are no risks associated with surface water runoff to surface water quality and does not warrant a reason for refusal.

## COMMENTS

1. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. An EIAR Recommendations – EIAR submitted form (green) attached.
2. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was submitted with the application. An NIS Recommendation – NIS submitted form attached.
3. The appeal was circulated to the Planning Authority on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and the last day for a response is 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023
4. No observations have been received. The last day for receiving valid observations was 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
5. The Planning Authority invited the following prescribed bodies for comment:  
The Heritage Council, An Taisce, Fáilte Ireland, The Arts Council, DAU, Irish Water, T.I.I and the HSE.
6. I don't recommend invoking art 28 to prescribed bodies at this stage.
7. File submitted for comments/direction.

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*Minister Casado*

*SEO*

*4/10/2023*