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Dear Madam/Sir

We are a group of concerned residents located in the areas of Athgarret, Philipstown and Eadestown are lodging an objection submission regarding the above section 37L application lodged on behalf of Hudson Brothers Ltd. for quarrying and aggregate extraction on lands located at Redbog and Philipstown, Co. Kildare. An Bord Pleanála reference is: QD09.3139218. As this is an application under section 37L of the Planning and Development Act, being made to An Bord Pleanála, no fee accompanies this submission.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours Sincerely,

Shaymus Kennedy

Athgarrett
Eadestown
Naas
Co. Kildare
23/4/24

Dear Bord Pleanala,

We wish to object to planning application 319218 from Hudson Brothers.

Our house is supplied by our own private well and we have a certified waste treatment system near our house. The well is 360m from the proposed works. We are concerned that Hudson's continued quarrying will damage our private water source. This would be in contravention of the Kildare County Development plan (2023 – 2029) Objective IN011 that promotes the protection of private water sources.

We are concerned that blasting will resume and this might damage our house. Up to 2020, when blasting ceased, the closest blasting point was 767m from us (on 10th June 2020). If blasting occurs 360m from our house, that is less than half the distance. Under the Inverse Square Law, halving the distance increases the energy by a factor of four. In 2008, when we built our house, we had not planned for such a dramatic amount of seismic energy being caused so close to our house.

We are concerned that the quarrying on a protected ridge line visible from our house and from the R410 road will permanently damage the visual amenity of this area. The area indicated by the red line is approximately the ridge that will be removed under this application. This is in contravention of the Kildare Development Plan (2023 – 2029) table 13.4 which shows that quarrying on this protected ridge line is very unlikely to be compatible with this sensitive landscape feature. The road, the R410, is a popular cycling touring route connecting Kildare to the Wicklow mountains and the planned Blessington Lakes Greenway.



We are concerned at the increased volume of heavy lorries that will be using the R410 if this quarry expansion proceeds. We are engaged in farming activities and must drive slow machinery on this road between 2 parcels of land. The extra volume of heavy lorries will make use of the road more difficult and dangerous. This is a road that is already notorious for crashes especially the part between Glen Ding Wood and Eadestown Graveyard.

Dust and noise from the existing quarry have adverse effects on us at present. The sound of rockbreakers and crushers starts very early in the morning. The dust from these activities blows onto our house, cars and livestock. In times of easterly winds, these conditions are predominately associated with dry weather and the east wind blows the dust from the quarry onto us. We are concerned that the increased levels of noise and dust will make farming and living here more difficult.

We often use the Glen Ding Wood amenity. Part of this wood is adjacent to quarrying sites. The proposed application will bring more quarrying right up to the very wall of this wood. This wood contains a protected structure – the Rath Turtle Moat. We are concerned that the proposed quarrying would cause irreparable damage to this ancient structure and to the wood itself.

We are proud to live beside the Red Bog Special Area of Conservation and often see wild fowl on our lands that are known to make use of the Red Bog area. We are concerned that this proposed development will cause damage to this internationally recognised jewel in Kildare's natural heritage.

We live near a natural gas transmission line that goes right through the proposed area for quarrying. We are concerned that not enough examination has been done regarding the effects of this quarry expansion on the gas pipeline. Recent natural gas pipeline accidents in highly regulated countries (eg in Canada in 2018 in Prince George, BC or in the US in 2019 in Lincoln County, KY) show that great care needs to be taken near natural gas pipelines – this does not seem to be compatible with expanding quarrying and rock blasting on lands the pipeline goes right through.

For these reasons, we hope that you will reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

Phil and Paul Dowling

Wolftown House
Athgarrett
Eadestown
Co. Kildare
23/4/24

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to planning applications ref: 319217 for substitute Consent and ref: 319218 for new works from Hudson Brothers lodged on 29th February.

We are lucky to live in a location, East Kildare Uplands, recognised in the Kildare development plan 2023 – 2027 as an area of high Amenity because of its outstanding natural beauty and unique interest value. We are surrounded by a magic tapestry of breeding birds, frogs, insects and wildlife, a wild herd of deer, native trees and plants and a variety of agricultural livestock and horses.

The current quarry expansion will come within 180M of our property. This will have a devastating impact on our lives and surrounding environment. The Kildare Development plan highlights that one of the key objectives of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) is to promote people's quality of life through the creation of healthy and attractive places to live... If these quarry applications are not refused our area will longer offer us a quality of life nor remain a health and attractive place to live.

We are deeply concerned that no engagement from Hudson Brothers with ourselves and our community regarding the impact of the proposed planning and there has been insufficient technical and expert assessment conducted to understand the environment, health and structural impacts on ourselves. Some of our areas of concern include:

The application contains a proposal to restart blasting. Our house and pictures on walls would shake when the previous blasting was occurring. With the quarry now much closer to us no assessment has been done to understand the risks of structural damage to our home and to the underlying rock base that runs underneath our house due to the increased seismic energy and what impact the increased noise levels will have on our mental health. We both have the flexibility in our jobs to work from home, but this will become impossible with a quarry working and blasting less than 200M from our house.

Our home and neighbours' homes and are supplied water from our own private wells? Based on the evidence included in the technical reports submitted on our behalf in objection to these planning applications are very concerned that our well (approximately 180M from the proposed new quarry boundary) will be damaged and any remediation if even possible will have to be borne by ourselves. This would be in contravention of the Kildare County Development plan (2023 – 2029) Objective IN011 that promotes the protection of private water sources.

The new application proposes to destroy the existing ridgeline both visible from our home and the Eadestown to Blessington road R410 running adjacent to our house. This is in contravention of the Kildare Development Plan (2023 – 2029) table 13.4 which shows that quarrying on this protected ridge line is very unlikely to be compatible with this sensitive landscape feature.

Our lives are today negatively impacted by the levels of quarry related traffic coming to and from the unauthorized quarrying at the Hudson Brothers site. The commitment to use only N roads (2007

planning) for distribution of materials has never been adhered to. Our road is a narrow road, poorly aligned in places with many dangerous bends and has been the scene of numerous accidents and near misses over the years. With the suggested material volumes that Hudson Brothers are proposing to take out of the quarry traffic volumes of trucks will increase dramatically. It is already unsafe to walk the road, but these increased volumes will significantly heighten the risk to school children getting on and off buses, learner drivers and the senior members of our community when exiting their houses. The risk of injury or death is also greatly increased for the many cyclists who use the R410.

We also have to contend with significant dust volumes due to the quarry works and the number of uncovered trucks on the R10. Hudson's employs several independent contractors whose trucks are also never covered. Our house cars, garden furniture, garage and ground are often covered in layers of dust especially in dry periods and when the wind is blowing in from the direction of the quarry. We believe this will only get worse if planning is granted.

We are living today with the consequences of a Quarry operator that consider themselves above the law in being deliberate and systemic in noncompliance with planning conditions even after succeeding in putting a high court backed agreement in place. For the reasons outlined above and in support of the Kildare development plan we hope that you will reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

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23/04/2024

Dear Sir, Madam

We wish to lodge an official objection to 'An Bord Pleanála' against the following planning applications:

Planning References: QD09.319217:

Applicant: Hudson Brothers Limited.

Description of Development: Application for substitute consent for quarry in the townlands of Philipstown and Redbog, Co. Kildare.

Planning Reference: QD09.319218:

Applicant: Hudson Brothers Limited.

Description of Development: Further development under 37L, In the townlands of Athgarrett, Philipstown and Redbog, Co Kildare;

We are in strong objection to the above planning applications.

Introducing Ourselves:

We are a local young family living in the townland of Athgarrett and in very close proximity to the proposed planning applications.

Our home is located on the R410 roadside in the townland of Athgarrett on the western side of the existing quarry, Eircode W91KC9E, and as shown on the adjoining map (Figure 1). Today we are 500m at the closest point from the existing quarry. The proposed extension of the quarry into the field on the western side of the existing quarry, would bring this operation within 250m of our property. Furthermore, our house is at an elevation of 215m. The proposal is that that the quarry excavation is brought to 200m. Thus, our house will be at a higher level than the proposed quarry extension in the field of view from our house.



Fig 1. Location of proposed extension to existing quarry and our home.

For the following reasons, we have very serious concerns over the proposed extension of the existing quarry.

Our Objection to the Proposed Planning:

Granting permission to this substitute consent and plan for further development:

- Increases the potential of damage to the nearby high-pressure gas line, which could have catastrophic effects on the local community, and Gas Networks Ireland customers
- Increases the risk of private well-water contamination, and structural damage to our homes
- Impacts negatively on the community, notably the visual and residential appeal of the area in terms of noise pollution, dust pollution, increased traffic, and irreparable landscape damage, and concomitant effect to property values
- Influences negatively on Red Bog SAC, its conservation as SAC, as well as the species habitat and ecology of the area and surroundings.
- Concedes authorisation to the applicant for this substitute consent / further development of the quarry, who has failed to operate within the parameters established in the original planning application to Kildare County Council (07267); and has not complied with the agreement achieved in High Court in recent years. This has been a recurrent issue within the community, increasing our unease and mistrust towards the operator of the quarry, as well as generating stress and anxiety within our family

The planning submission also contravenes the aims and objectives expressed in the 'Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029'.

In more detail:

High Pressure Gas Line:

The Cork-Dublin high pressure gas line runs through an adjoining neighbouring farm immediately to the right-side of our property, and then crosses into the field where the quarry is proposed to extend. According to the plan, the quarry will be extended closer to the existing gas line, and as such rock blasting focal points will be closer. The plan acknowledges that *'fractures in the gas-line could result in gas leaks and an explosion – but that acceptable monitoring will prevent that'*. We are concerned and do not accept that the current application meets a basic criterion for having sufficient data to assume that further blasting closer to the pipeline will not represent a serious concern, and that monitoring programmes are sufficiently in place to prevent this risk.

We are aware that reparation work has taken place in recent times on the gas line directly in Athgarrett, in the farm adjacent to our property home and approximately 250m from the proposed quarry extension. We understand that this reparation work was due to a stuck Gas Pipeline PIG (Gas Pipeline Inspection Gauge) in the line. It is not fully clear to us as to the reason for this issue and whether the issue has been resolved. Considering its very close proximity to the existing quarry, it is concerning though, when one questions if there might be a relationship between this issue and former quarry blasts causing possible subsidence. Damage to the pipeline could result in serious health, safety, and environmental concerns for residents and indeed road users on the R410. In addition, an issue to the line would also negatively impact the energy supply down-stream and have major economic consequences. It is our opinion that An Bord Pleanála should not grant permission for quarry expansion until they are fully sure and have evidence to demonstrate that extending the quarry closer to the gas line brings no risk to the community.

Private Well Water and Structural Damages to Homes

We have our own private water well, and we are cognizant that there are many dwellings in close proximity to the quarry extension that also rely on private wells for drinking water. We are concerned that further quarrying in the direction of our homes, and closer to our homes, could have a negative impact on water levels and pollution. We see no data related to proving that no further extraction or blasting of rock would change watercourses and impact well water supplies. In our opinion, should this risk be materialized, it would contravene the Kildare County Development plan (2023 – 2029) Objective IN011 that promotes the protection of private water sources.

Furthermore, dwellings in proximity to the existing quarry have experienced considerable and very noticeable vibrations in our homes when blasting was formerly carried out in the current quarry up to September 2020. Cracks on walls and ceilings were noted. Our major concern is that, if further excavation of the land comes closer to our homes then there is a strong and very real possibility that we will experience further damage to our dwellings.

Noise and Dust Pollution, Impact to the Natural Beauty of the Surrounding Landscape

Today we are lucky to have a beautiful green field in full visibility in front of our home. If the proposed development proceeds, a part of the natural green environment will be destroyed and lost to existing and next generations. This area is of unique beauty and forms a unique landscape of the East Kildare / West Wicklow orography, and we strongly believe that it should be preserved. We are also observant of the very evident change that the extension of the quarry will pose to the existing ridgeline, within our view of

the field opposite our property and across the R410 road (Figure 2). To our understanding, this ridgeline is highlighted in the Kildare County Development Plan as an object subject of preservation to further “protect and enhance the county’s landscape”. The aforementioned development plan also states the incompatibility of sand, gravel and rock extraction with the identified ridgelines.



Fig. 2. View of existing ridgeline (in red) and the proposed extension of the existing quarry and its potential impact to the visual from our property.

As a result of the potential extension of the quarry closer to us, we are concerned about further noise pollution which will be heightened much more than what we experience and have to tolerate today. We should point out that today we can hear the sand and gravel movements from the existing quarry. It is very reasonable to expect that these noise disturbances will be considerably elevated if the quarry is allowed to extend closer to our location.

We are concerned and expect that the closer proximity of the quarry would result in increased levels of pollutants, such as dust and dirt. The applicant's EIA report states *'The assessment has considered the potential emissions to air and impacts from particulates, and demonstrates that the potential impact on Air Quality from the continued operation and extension of the Site will be no greater than slight, and therefore are considered to be not significant'*. However, as local users of the surrounding roads, we can attest that dust and dirt are very visible on the South-Eastern side of the quarry, in the roads adjoining the N81, where hedgerows, roadways and local housing, have been negatively impacted by the quarry for many years already. Our impression is that it shows a lack of respect and accountability that in our opinion quarry developers should have for local residents who are negatively impacted by their commercial activities. Our fear is that this will just continue, and increase due to the foreseen volume of extraction from the proposed quarry extension and the associated volume of traffic increase. As many of these trucks also use the R410 on the routes, this will only become a greater issue to us and our neighbours.

Having another 15 years of new quarrying activity with heightened traffic to and from the site, represents further pollution for those living in vicinity to the quarrying activities. Bringing the quarry closer to roadways such as the R410 will increase dust also on this road, which is used by many cyclists, some of

which are from clubs in neighbouring towns (Naas Cycling Club, Blessington Reservoir Cogs) but also from other towns taking the opportunity to enjoy the landscape of East Kildare / West Wicklow. The risk of the heightened physical pollution and quarrying traffic can negatively affect the appeal of the area for engaging in physical activities. All of these activities are supportive of the objectives of public health policy, such as Healthy Ireland and the National Physical Activity Plan.

Our family use the local area for recreation and we are regular walkers in the neighbouring Glending Forest, which is adjacent to the existing quarry. It is positive to hear of the development of a walkway directly from Blessington into the Glending forest, thus connecting by walking or cycling to the future Blessington Greenway around the Poulaphouca reservoir, and greenway route to Russborough. We can already see the significant negative impact that the existing quarry has had on the forest, and in our opinion very little planning or real thought has gone in terms of restoration after the excavation of land in the forest and surrounding areas, since we are living here. There are many very accessible high cliffs close to walkways which pose a significant safety concern to walkers and mountain bikers using the forest, which is used by lots of local people in the greater Blessington and Naas areas and represents a very valuable resource for existing and future generations. It is such a pity to see how close the quarry has been allowed to come to the Office of Public Works – *Rath Turtle Moat*, which is a prominent impressive Viking fort with spectacular views over the Blessington Lake and the Wicklow Mountains. Further excavation of the land close to the forest just heightens further destruction of the forest, and introduces additional safety concerns.

Moreover, we are cognizant of the proximity of Red Bog, a designated SAC (000397) to the existing quarry, and so to the proposed extension. We are concerned that if the quarrying activity continues in its vicinity, there is very high risk to irreversibly damage this area. Only looking at the publicly available Conservation Objection Series for Red Bog, it indicates that “the SAC is fed by rainwater percolating through the ridges of permeable gravel surrounding the SAC”, and this should raise further concerns about the quarrying activity and its potential to affect these ridges and ultimately the water flows that allows the maintenance of this unique eco-system.

Fear for the Future of Local Wildlife

We are also concerned for the local wildlife that currently inhabit the aforementioned field opposite our home. We currently count ourselves as fortunate to have daily sightings of herds of local deer and their young roaming through the proposed extension on their way in and out of the Glending forestry. Extension of the quarry into their habitat will have consequences to their daily movements and will result in them having to follow routes closer to the roadway. This will potentially increase the risk of entering the roadway (R410) and cause danger for road-users in addition to themselves.

Increased Traffic, and Safety for Locals

We are concerned about the impact that increased activity in the quarry will have, regarding heightened heavy vehicle traffic on our roadways, and the R410 particularly. The road is unusable for walkers and it is becoming more dangerous to use by cyclists (due to the higher volume of vehicles, including quarry trucks) but certainly is not safe for children and teenagers. We regularly come across serious car accidents on the roadway (R410) between Blessington and Naas, thus our fear is that any increase in heavy vehicle traffic may heighten the occurrence of such accidents. It is also important to note that the R410 is a road

servicing school traffic to the local primary school (e.g. Rathmore N.S.) but also on route for student transport to secondary schools in Naas and Blessington.

We hope that you consider our genuine concerns, and do not grant these application.

Sincerely,

Declan & Sara Goode

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Objection to Hudson Brothers Quarry QD09.319217 and QD09.319218

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to lodge objections to the planning references mentioned above.

Firstly, if we may, we would like to give some context to An Bord Pleanala as to what our experience has been living beside Hudson Brothers quarry and our experience of the planning issues Hudson's have caused in the past 20 plus years by the own doing.

We had mentioned in previous planning objections with Kildare County Council that in one sense we were rather blinkered with regards to the quarry. We went to work before 6am each morning and returned late at night. It was the arrival of our children which obviously meant we were at home a lot more that opened our eyes to what was happening in the quarry and the wider area.

Our objection cannot be seen as NIMBY'ism. No one would choose to live beside a quarry but we in the local area accepted that quarries are necessary for building etc however it is a non-negotiable expectation that these quarries are run correctly and professionally and that their operations do not impact the wider community, the local environment and protected areas in which they operate in.

Our experience of Hudson Brothers Limited unfortunately has been nothing but negative throughout this whole planning debacle. It is unfortunate for Hudson's that their lack of adherence to planning conditions, treatment of the local community etc has had the opposite effect they desired. Their lack of adherence to planning regulations has brought the whole community of Eadestown, Red Bog, Philipstown, Athgarrett, Wolfestown and the wider communities in Blessington together. The community were genuinely shocked and upset to uncover the deliberate damage that Hudson Brothers limited have done to the protected Kildare Uplands and their lack of adherence to their planning conditions set out in their 2007 application and indeed their lack of adherence to their High Court Agreement. This shows without any shadow of a doubt that Hudson Brothers Limited does not have respect for the planning laws of this country nor the Judicial and High Court systems in Ireland. Why is that?? One could assume that if they did comply to these conditions that they may have to put their hands up to admit to potential damage to Red Bog, excessive dust and noise levels, damage to local dwellings from blasting. It does not make sense that a company who tout themselves as a quality operator who

support jobs, the local community etc would show a blatant disregard to the actual local community they operate in.

In 2020, Hudson Brothers Limited sent out a letter to their suppliers and local businesses. In this letter, they portrayed themselves to be a company who should be put up on a pedestal with regards their operations in the community. It was interesting to note that those who replied with letters of support were only their suppliers, staff, and customers (bar a GAA club who they sponsor, and a local lady whose family are applying for a landfill in an adjoining piece of land to Hudson's). In this letter, there was no mention that Hudson Brothers Limited did not comply to approx. 30 of their conditions laid down by KCC which were designed to protect the community and Red Bog SAC. They said they helped their community wherever they could like in the best from the east which was incorrect as they invoiced KCC heavily for this work as a freedom of information request showed. One would wonder whether any of those who did reply feel they were in some ways that they were Gaslit?

We are angry with the whole situation and how Hudson Brothers were allowed to get this far. It further infuriating how Hudson Brothers Limited believe they should be awarded another period of planning permission and an expansion to their existing quarry making them one of the biggest quarries in the country. A reward for non-compliance to almost all their planning conditions and continuing to quarry without planning permission in Co Kildare perhaps? A reward for not complying with the terms of a High Court Agreement?

It has been left up to the local community at significant cost, effort and time to enforce compliance to conditions set out in 2007 via a High Court Order. Hudson Brothers Limited believe that they are even above a High Court Agreement and just ignore the conditions set down in that agreement. It's also bizarre how in both applications, that Hudson Brothers Limited did not even mention the High Court Agreement even once. Surely their expert planning, environmental and legal teams might have suggested that it was a good idea that they put their hands up to being brought by the local community to one of the highest courts in the land?

It should also be mentioned that the quality of information of both applications is very poor in our opinion. This has meant that we have had to hire experts at significant costs to ourselves to decipher various reports contained in both applications. The site notice for example does not seem to correspond to what is actually contained in both applications. So, looking at the site notice, one could assume a very different planning application than what is actually in both applications. We would ask An Bord Pleanala to review carefully the site notice and refuse both application based on the vagueness of the wording.

With regards to dust, noise etc, I would request that An Bord Pleanala carefully review the expert opinions of Dr Imelda Shanahan et al, and also Marsten Planning and refuse based on the their findings.

An Bord Pleanala should be advised that we do work from home most days. The noise coming from the quarry on some days is very excessive and starts earlier than the permitted times allowed in their planning permission. We have a legal right to work from home. When questioned by Dr Shanahan on this, the directors just advised it was a miscommunication (to 20 year old planning conditions and a High court agreement). The noise especially in summer does wake up our small children and we do believe this impacts their overall health as laid out in the UN Human rights charter. We have a right to have our windows open when ever we wish, and our children should not be woken at 5am from quarry operations.

are specifically concerned regarding the dust coming from the quarries. Members of our family have suffered ill health due to lung issues (who have since passed due to these issues). We need Hudson Brothers Limited to prove beyond reasonable and scientific doubt that their quarry operations does not impact our health and that of the wider community. As you will evidence from Dr Shanahan's report, this is not the case, and their method of analysis is flawed across the board.

We operate a beef farm in Athgarrett which will be just over 200m's from the quarry should Hudson Brothers Limited be granted planning permission. Our livelihoods depend on the farm. We are firmly of the belief that our farm enterprise will be compromised should the expansion be granted. We believe that the dust, noise and general quarry operations will have a negative impact on the animals on the farm. In the Kildare County Development plan, it provides protection to existing enterprises and that a new enterprise should not impact on existing neighbouring enterprises. We believe that Hudson Brothers Limited Operations will significantly impact all neighbouring farms negatively and therefore we ask An Bord Pleanala to refuse both applications.

We also ask the Bord to carefully look at Red Bog as an SAC. In the substitute consent application, Hudson Brothers Limited descoped Red Bog for some bizarre reason when they operate within 250 metres of the SAC site. But then have a comment in their new works application that should they be granted planning they will do a study on Red Bog. This is non sensical. They cannot say that there is no impact from their previous work in their substitute consent application and then say there may be an impact in their new works application for work going forward. Dr Shanahan has indicated that there is a hydrological link between the sites so it is incumbent that An Bord Pleanala refuse both planning applications to protect Red Bog.

We would be grateful if An Bord Pleanala review both applications carefully and refuse both planning applications. Hudson Brothers Limited past performance indicates their future performance and as evidenced throughout the whole communities submissions, their past performance has been woefully inadequate.

Yours Sincerely,

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(via Email)

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23rd April 2024

Re: Hudson Brothers Limited Planning Ref 319218

Dear An Bord Pleanála:

We wish to object to planning reference 319218 on the following grounds.

This is a large development with absolutely no community consultation process followed. The quarry is operating without planning, and without regard for residents. We have complained continuously but have got nowhere. It impacts negatively on us due to noise, dust, traffic and on our visual and residential amenity.

We live within 500mtrs of the quarry and we are very worried about the effects or further scaled up development and in particular impacts of blasting to the high pressure gas line with potential for a local disaster. Blasting has negatively impacted us, our house vibrates and plaster has fallen from the ceiling. The noise and dust coming from quarry operations and uncovered lorries passing our house is also of great concern.

We believe that the quarry is operating below the water table and in time will impact our private well which we rely on for all our water needs.

With the scale of the extension, intensified quarrying and increased traffic volumes, these current issues will be exasperated. History of the developer complying to past planning conditions has been a major issue. This developer has not complied with any past planning conditions imposed by Kildare County Council. They are untrustworthy and there is no reason to believe they will ever comply with any planning conditions in the future.

Yours sincerely,

David Magee & Linda Kane

