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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO:_ABP 321022-24 **Defer Re O/H** ☐

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 4/11/24 from

An Taisce 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 issues

E.O.: Daniel O Connor **Date:** 15/11/24

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:** _____

File With _____

CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: ABP 321022-24

M _____

Please treat correspondence received on _____ **as follows:**

1. Update database with new agent for Applicant/Appellant _____	
2. Acknowledge with BP 40	**1. RETURN TO SENDER with BP** _____
3. Keep copy of Board's Letter ☐	2. Keep Envelope: ☐
	3. Keep Copy of Board's letter ☐

Amendments/Comments Observation from An Taisce

4. Attach to file	**RETURN TO EO** ☐
(a) R/S ☐ (d) Screening ☐	Screening drawer
(b) GIS Processing ☐ (e) Inspectorate ☐	
(c) Processing ☐	

	Plans Date Stamped ☐
	Date Stamped Filled in ☐
EO: Daniel O Connor	**AA:** Andrea Roy
Date: 6/11/24	**Date:** 7/11/24

Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-076076-24

An Bord Pleanála

Details

Lodgement Date	04/11/2024
Customer	An Taisce
Lodgement Channel	Email
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

Lodgement ID	LDG-076076-24
Map ID	
Created By	Daniel O'Connor
Physical Items included	No
Generate Acknowledgement Letter	
Customer Ref. No.	
PA Reg Ref	2460013

Categorisation

Lodgement Type	Observation / Submission
Section	Processing

PA Name	Galway County Council
Case Type (3rd Level Category)	Normal Planning Appeal PDA2000

Fee and Payments

Specified Body	No
Oral Hearing	No
Fee Calculation Method	Manual
Reason For Manual	Prescribed Body
Currency	Euro
Fee Paid	0.00
Refund Amount	0.00

Observation/Objection Allowed?	Yes
Payment	
Related Payment Details Record	

Observation

Run at: 06/11/2024 16:01

Run by: Daniel O'Connor

PA Case Number	2460013
PA Decision Date	12/09/2024
County	
Development Type	
Development Address	Lomaunaghbaun, Tuam, Co. Galway
Appellant	
Supporting Argument	

Development Description	Permission for the development of a quarry for the extraction of sand in a phased basis over an area of c. 6.2 ha by an average depth of 3m from existing ground levels. The development will consist of: (i) Installation of a processing plant and associated components; (ii) Stockpiling of topsoil removed during quarrying for future implementation of a restoration plan; (iii) Construction of a refuelling area; (iv) Installation of a site office (30 sq. m.); (v) Installation of a wastewater holding tank (63.6 sq. m.); (vi) Installation of a weighbridge and wheel wash; (vii) Installation of a new site entrance along with road reprofiling works on the L2232; (viii) Installation of a groundwater well; (ix) Provision of drainage infrastructure including a new hydrocarbon interceptor and surface drains on hardstanding; (x) All associated site development and operational works and (xi) Site restoration following the cessation of sand extraction works. Permission is sought for an operational lifetime of 10 years. The planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement.
Applicant	
Additional Supporting Items	Yes

Run at: 06/11/2024 16:01

Run by: Daniel O'Connor

Validation Checklist

Lodgement Number : **LDG-076076-24**
Case Number: **ABP-321022-24**
Customer: **An Taisce**
Lodgement Date: **04/11/2024 16:23:00**
Validation Officer: **Daniel O'Connor**
PA Name: **Galway County Council**
PA Reg Ref: **2460013**
Case Type: **Normal Planning Appeal PDA2000**
Lodgement Type: **Observation / Submission**

Validation Checklist	Value
Confirm Classification	Confirmed - Correct
Confirm ABP Case Link	Confirmed-Correct
Fee/Payment	Valid – Correct
Name and Address available	Yes
Agent Name and Address available (if engaged)	Not Applicable
Subject Matter available	Yes
Grounds	Yes
Sufficient Fee Received	Yes
Received On time	Yes
Eligible to make lodgement	Yes
Completeness Check of Documentation	Yes

Run at: 06/11/2024 16:03

Run by: Daniel O'Connor

D. O'Connor

Dáil Littleton Caden

From: Bord
Sent: Dé Luain 4 Samhain 2024 16:23
To: Appeals2
Subject: FW: Ref: 321022
Attachments: 20241104-ABP-321022.pdf

From: Sean O'Callaghan <socallaghan@antaisce.org>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 4:19 PM
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Ref: 321022

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A Chara,

Please find enclosed An Taisce's observation on appeal ref: 321022.

Is mise le meas,

Seán O'Callaghan
Planning Officer
An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland

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An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Rotunda,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902.

Sent by email to: bord@pleanala.ie

4th November 2024

Ref: 321022

App: Newtown Farming Ltd.

For: for the development of a quarry for the extraction of sand in a phased basis over an area of c. 6.2 ha by an average depth of 3m from existing ground levels. The development will consist of: i. Installation of a processing plant and associated components; ii. Stockpiling of topsoil removed during quarrying for future implementation of a restoration plan; iii. Construction of a refuelling area; iv. Installation of a site office (30 sqm); v. Installation of a wastewater holding tank (63.6 sqm); vi. Installation of a weighbridge and wheel wash; vii. Installation of a new site entrance along with road reprofiling works on the L2232; viii. Installation of a groundwater well; ix. Provision of drainage infrastructure including a new hydrocarbon interceptor and surface drains on hardstanding; x. All associated site development and operational works; and xi. Site restoration following the cessation of sand extraction works. Permission is sought for an operational lifetime of 10 years. The Planning Application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement

Site: Lomaunaghbaun, Tuam, Co. Galway

A Chara,

An Taisce wishes to make the following observation on the above appeal.

We note the close proximity of the application site to Drumbulcaun Bog pNHA (site code: 000263), and would highlight the following extract from the NPWS Site Synopsis:

"Drumbulcaun Bog is of conservation significance for a variety of reasons – it is the only intact raised bog in the catchment of the Nanny River and it supports a variety of habitat types and a diversity of vegetation communities and species. The fen on the site is of particular interest, being at a late stage in the transition from fen to bog and including, as it does, an unusual vegetation community – Crowberry – Heather quaking swamp."

Therefore, we recommend that the Board considers the urgent need for preserving the ecological integrity of this pNHA site and ensuring that the subject proposal does not encroach upon this. This is also important given the high groundwater vulnerability of the subject site area. Quarry development can have irrecoverable

impacts and would set a negative precedent for further development if permitted without scientific certainty of the absence of negative impacts upon the pNHA which is already experiencing quarrying pressure along its designated boundary.

Please acknowledge our submission and advise us of any decision made.

Is mise le meas,

Seán O'Callaghan
Planning Officer
An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland