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From: Bernadette Guest <bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 4 June 2024 13:03
To: Derek Kelly
Subject: FW: BP10 request
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Dear Derek,
Please find attached comments at application and FI stage for Roadstone Quarry 21/772.
Regards,

Bernadette Guest, Heritage Officer

From: Derek Kelly <Derek.Kelly@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:47 AM
To: planning <planning@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Cc: Sinead White <sinead.white@abpleanala.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: BP10 request

A Chara,

Our case number: ABP- 313939-22
RegRef: 21772

An Bord Pleanála has asked me to refer to the documents already received from you in relation to the above-mentioned appeal.

To enable consideration of the appeal to proceed, the following further documentation relevant to the application and to your decision is required:

- **Heritage comments (Heritage Officer: Bernie Guest), as referred to in planner's report.**

Would you please be good enough to have these documents forwarded by email or post.

Many thanks,

Derek

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Sent: Tuesday 4 June 2024 12:56
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From: Bernadette Guest <bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 31 May 2022 21:50
To: Aidan Walsh <aidanwalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: RE: 21/772 - Roadstone Cappagh

Hi Aidan,

Have just read detail in cover letter on biodiversity and seems satisfactory. Recommend inclusion of condition that derelict cottage be enhanced for biodiversity as per the Birdwatch Ireland 2021 Guidance Document- Wildlife in Buildings Linking our Built and Natural Heritage. The site should be monitored for 3 seasons to establish continued use as a nesting habitat and confirmation of continued use or any interventions taken to promote same to be submitted to the planning authority.

Works to secure the building to be carried out outside the bird nesting season March 1st-August 31st.

All measures detailed in Biodiversity Management Plan to be carried in the interest of retaining biodiversity value of the site where possible.

Regards,

Bernie

From: Aidan Walsh <aidanwalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 31 May 2022 14:32
To: Bernadette Guest <bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: RE: 21/772 - Roadstone Cappagh

Bernie,

Have you had a chance to review, this now needs to be signed by the CE tomorrow so I am trying to get same finished this evening / first think in the morning.

Aidan

From: Bernadette Guest <bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 25 May 2022 17:43
To: Aidan Walsh <aidanwalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: RE: 21/772 - Roadstone Cappagh

Hi Aidan,

Will have a look over and come back to you Friday/Monday.

Regards,

Bernie

From: Aidan Walsh <aidanwalsh@waterfordcouncil.ie>

Sent: Wednesday 25 May 2022 16:47

To: Niall Kane <nkane@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Bernadette Guest <bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie>

Subject: 21/772 - Roadstone Cappagh

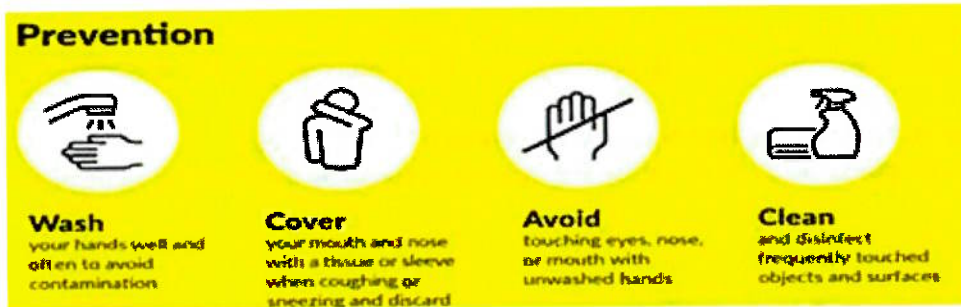
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

The FI response to our request has been received by WCCC and I am examining same. This will have to be signed tomorrow week the 2nd June and I hope to complete my report by 31st May / 1st June to allow for same to be considered. On that basis is it possible to get your response by the 30th May if possible – if you have already reviewed and responded thank you. I am working through reports and submissions now.

Aidan

Aidan Walsh
District Planner
Dungarvan & Lismore MDs



Waterford City and County Council

MEMO

To:	Aidan Walsh, Executive Planner
From:	Bernadette Guest, Heritage Officer
Re:	21-772 Roadstone Satellite Quarry East of existing Cappagh Quarry
Date:	28th September 2021

Aidan,

I have reviewed the Biodiversity Chapter of the EIAR and NIS submitted with this application and submit the following observations.

The site of the proposed development is within the catchment of the Blackwater River and specifically the Finisk river located 1.3km to the north west of the site. Dungarvan Harbour SPA is within the same groundwater catchment as the quarry site-IE_SE_G_052. There is no surface hydrological connectivity between the quarry site and either of the Natura 2000 sites. It is noted there will be no direct point discharge from the site to surface water or groundwater. The proposed development will not cause loss or fragmentation of habitat from within the ecological footprint of the River Blackwater SAC or Dungarvan Harbour SPA. A potential impact relates to dust deposition but it is noted that prevailing winds are SW-NE and the Finnisk River is located to the NW of the site. Atmospheric conditions including suppression of dust by rainfall will be a key contributing factor to modifying potential for adverse impact along with separation distance between the site and the SAC and SPA.

It is considered that with full implementation of mitigation measures as set out in Section 5.10 of the NIS there will be no adverse impacts on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network i.e. no permanent or irreversible impacts on the River Finnisk/Blackwater and Dungarvan Harbour SAC's ecological structure, function and ecological processes, which enables it to sustain the habitats, complex of habitats and/or populations of species for which the site is designated.

With regard to on-site biodiversity it is noted that the derelict building proposed for demolition provides a breeding site for Swallows which are an amber listed species on the Birdwatch Ireland's list of Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland. Section 5.168 states there are large amounts of suitable outbuildings, agricultural sheds and derelict buildings i.e. (Whitechurch Church) within the local area which offer alternative breeding habitat. It is considered this is not an adequate statement of mitigation as swallows are site faithful and the alternative sites which have not been surveyed or are in the ownership of the applicant cannot be guaranteed as a substitute breeding site.

It is also noted that it is proposed to remove approximately 850m of hedgerow within the quarry site and low quality scrub around the derelict building. Protection of biodiversity is a key policy area of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017 as detailed in policies NH2, NH3 and NH4;

Policy NH 2

To conserve, manage and enhance the natural heritage, biodiversity, landscape and environment of County Waterford in recognition of its importance as a non-renewable resource, the unique identity and character of the County and as a natural resource asset.

Policy NH 3

To ensure as far as possible that development does not impact adversely on wildlife habitats and species. In the interests of sustainability, biodiversity should be conserved for the benefit of future generations.

Policy NH 4

To protect plant, animal species and habitats which have been identified by the Habitats Directive, Bird Directive, Wildlife Act (1976) and Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 and the Flora Protection order S.I. No. 94 of 1999.

It is considered the scrub area around the derelict building should be managed for biodiversity to both prevent biodiversity loss and mitigate for loss of internal hedgerow boundaries. It is recommended that a Biodiversity Management Plan be submitted as further information detailing how the derelict building can be retained and enhanced as a swallow breeding habitat and use by bats and how the scrub and tree belt can be enhanced for biodiversity. The Biodiversity Plan shall demonstrate consultation with Birdwatch Ireland and Bat Conservation Ireland.

Reason: In compliance with policies on protection on biodiversity Waterford County Development Plan 2011-2017.