

Validation Checklist



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Lodgement Number : **LDG-061043-23**
Case Number: **ABP-315708-23**
Customer: **Lady Heather Robinson**
Lodgement Date: **07/02/2023 10:05:00**
Validation Officer: **Aisling Reilly**
PA Name: **Donegal County Council**
PA Reg Ref: **2250933**
Case Type: **Normal Planning Appeal PDA2000**
Lodgement Type: **Appeal**

Multiple appeal

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
3rd Party Acknowledgement	Yes
Eligible to make lodgement	Yes
Completeness Check of Documentation	Yes
Valid Lodgement Channel	Yes

• Bb1M receipt - Task No: 316995-23 - enclose copy of receipt and enclose together 3rd party appeals (enclose 6 other appeals)

Run at: 09/02/2023 12:16

Run by: Aisling Reilly

Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-061043-23

ABP 315706-23



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Details

Lodgement Date	07/02/2023
Customer	Lady Heather Robinson
Lodgement Channel	Post
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

Lodgement ID	LDG-061043-23
Map ID	
Created By	Aisling Lister
Physical Items included	No
Generate Acknowledgement Letter	
Customer Ref. No.	
PA Reg Ref	

Categorisation

Lodgement Type	Appeal
Section	Processing

2250933

PA Name	Donegal County Council
Case Type (3rd Level Category)	

Fee and Payments

Specified Body	No
Oral Hearing	No
Fee Calculation Method	System
Currency	Euro
Fee Value	0.00
Refund Amount	0.00

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Observation/Objection Allowed?	
Payment	PMT-047775-23
Related Payment Details Record	PD-047665-23

B21M - Task No: 316995-23

Appeal

Run at: 07/02/2023 10:36
Run by: Aisling Lister

Date of decision: 17/01/2023 last day: 09/02/2023

PA Case Details Manual	
PA Case Number	
PA Decision	
PA Decision Date	
Lodgement Deadline	
Development Description	
Development Address	

Appeals Type	
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To
The Secretary
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64 Marlborough Street
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AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
LDG-	<u>061043-23</u>
ABP-	_____
07 FEB 2023	
Fee: €	<u>220</u> Type: <u>CHEQUE</u>
Time: _____	By: <u>REG POST</u>

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Re DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO GRANT

Application by Patrick Bonar, c/o Michael Friel, Creeslough, Letterkenny, Donegal F92 TF60

Planning Register Number 22/50933

Valid Application received 30.052022

Further Info Received Date 23.11.2022

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above mentioned acts, Donegal County Council has by Order dated 13.01.2023 decided to grant permission for development of land, namely:-

DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CONCRETE STRUCTURE. (2) QUARRYING OF 5.37 HECTARES WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF ROCK THROUGH DRILLING, BLASTING, CRUSHING AND SCREENING. (3) CONSTRUCTION OF (A) SETTLEMENT PONDS AND WETLAND (B) A SHED PURPOSES OF STORAGE FOR THE FACILITY INCLUDING ONSITE MACHINERY MAINTENANCE (C) SITE OFFICE WITH CANTEEN, TOILET AND DRYING FACILITIES (4) INSTALLATION OF A WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND PERCOLATION AREA (5) PROVISION OF A WHEEL WASH AND WEIGHBRIDGE (6) LANDSCAPING OF THE QUARRY DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE AND RESTORATION OF THE QUARRY ON COMPLETION OF EXTRACTION (7) ALL ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY FACILITIES/WORKS OVER A 25 YEAR PERIOD. AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (EIAR) & NATURE IMPACT STATEMENT (NIS) ACCOMPANIES THIS APPLICATION AT MAGHERASOLIS & CRAIGS RAPHOE LIFFORD PO CO. DONEGAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.



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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to appeal against Donegal County Council's decision to grant the above planning permission.

Raphoe is a town that Donegal County Council should be proud of. It is a unique and attractive Heritage town boasting many important archaeological gems. I can find no benefit in blighting the population and their landscape with such a permanent scar. Aside from the visual impact to the Raphoe inhabitants there is little doubt that this industrial quarrying activity will cause noise pollution, traffic pollution, dust pollution and most likely, incur some very serious implications regarding water, with major flooding and environmental contamination problems.

My main reasons for objecting to this decision are-

1. Drainage and water courses will be irreparably damaged by excessive sediments and dust in the river systems. This will have a huge impact on the local environment causing flooding and harm to the delicate biodiversity. The mitigation measures set out to prevent such damage cannot overcome these major works and are most unlikely to be properly implemented or monitored.
2. Noise pollution is of huge concern which will involve, not just the initial blasting, but the crushing, screening, grading and transportation of the quarry material. Due to its location on the hillside above Raphoe all excessive noise and vibrations will be carried for long distances across the valley. (As an example, hockey practice played on the Royal School playing field can be easily heard in the Diffin Lake area of the lower gardens at Oakfield Park). I would be extremely concerned for the long-term impact of such noise pollution on residents, primary and secondary school students studying close by at schools in the town as well as the farming livestock and natural wildlife. I would have no confidence that any restrictions or regular monitoring of the excessive noise output would be carried out.
3. Public Safety on the roads will be adversely affected by the huge increase in heavy duty traffic. As a Heritage town, Raphoe's roads were not designed to carry such a high volume of industrial vehicles. The many school children and residents walking and cycling through the town will be put at huge risk by such increased traffic and raised pollution levels.



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4. This vast industrial site, at over 13 acres in size, will be a very visual scar on the rural landscape of Raphoe. Together, the local community has worked extremely hard, to restore the infrastructure of Raphoe's Georgian town and the Cathedral, achieving the status it rightly deserves as a Heritage town. Work and plans are also underway to restore the unique 17th Century Bishops Palace. This all seems pointless if the council then place a large industrial quarry site on Raphoe's doorstep.

As a long-term local resident, employer, and owner of a successful local tourism business, I know that Oakfield Park will be adversely affected by the operation of a quarry in Raphoe. I urge the council to reconsider the granting of this planning permission. It is incomprehensible that such an industrial site should be placed within a residential population within a unique Heritage town.

Yours sincerely

Lady Heather Robinson

Oakfield Park

Oakfield Demesne

Raphoe

County Donegal

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07 FEB 2023	
LTR DATED _____	FROM _____
LDG- _____	
ABP- _____	

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of Submission or Observation
on a Planning Application**

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

KEEP THIS DOCUMENT SAFELY. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO AN BORD PLEANALA IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY. IT IS THE ONLY FORM OF EVIDENCE THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY AN BORD PLEANALA THAT A SUBMISSION OR OBSERVATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION.

PLANNING AUTHORITY: **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

PLANNING APPLICATION REF.NO: 22/50933

A submission/observation in writing, has been received from Lady Heather Robinson, Oakfield Park, Oakfield Demense, Raphoe, Lifford, Co. Donegal on 28th June 2022 in relation to the above planning application.

The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid.

The submission/observation is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and will be taken into account by the Planning Authority in its determination of the planning application.

Chloe Reid

For A/Senior Ex. Planner
Planning Services

Donegal County Council
Stamp.

28th June 2022.



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

