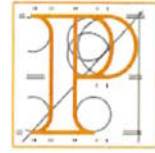


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Customer: **Leslie Brown**
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Validation Officer: **Aisling Reilly**
PA Name: **Donegal County Council**
PA Reg Ref: **2250933**
Case Type: **Normal Planning Appeal PDA2000**
Lodgement Type: **Appeal**



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Validation Checklist	Value
Confirm Classification	Confirmed - Correct
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Fee/Payment	Valid – Correct
Name and Address available	Yes
Agent Name and Address available (if engaged)	Not Applicable
Subject Matter available	Yes
Grounds	Yes
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Received On time	Yes
3rd Party Acknowledgement	Yes
Eligible to make lodgement	Yes
Completeness Check of Documentation	Yes
Valid Lodgement Channel	Yes

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Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-061083-23

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Lodgement Channel	Post
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

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Categorisation

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Section	Processing

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

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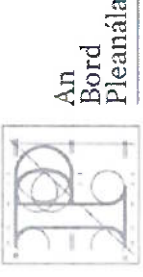
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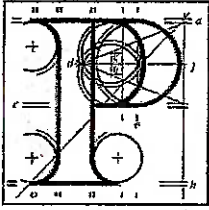
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Planning Appeal Form

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08 FEB 2023

Fee: € 220 Type: Cheque

By: Reg Post

Your details

1. Appellant's details (person making the appeal)

Your full details:

(a) Name

Leslie Brown

(b) Address

Lisnoble Manse
Raphoe, Co Donegal
F93 C5D5

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If an agent is acting for you, please **also** provide their details below. If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

(b) Agent's address

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this appeal, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the appellant) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the planning authority decision you wish to appeal. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the appeal details.

(a) **Planning authority**

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Donegal County Council

(b) **Planning authority register reference number**

(for example: 18/0123)

22/50933

(c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Ballytown)

Magherasolus and Craigs, Raphoe

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.

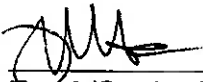
PLANNING AUTHORITY: **DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

PLANNING APPLICATION REF.NO: 22/50933

A submission/observation in writing, has been received from Rev Brian & Leslie Brown, Lisnoble Manse, Raphoe, Lifford PO, Co Donegal on 29th 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.



For A/Senior Ex. Planner
Planning Services

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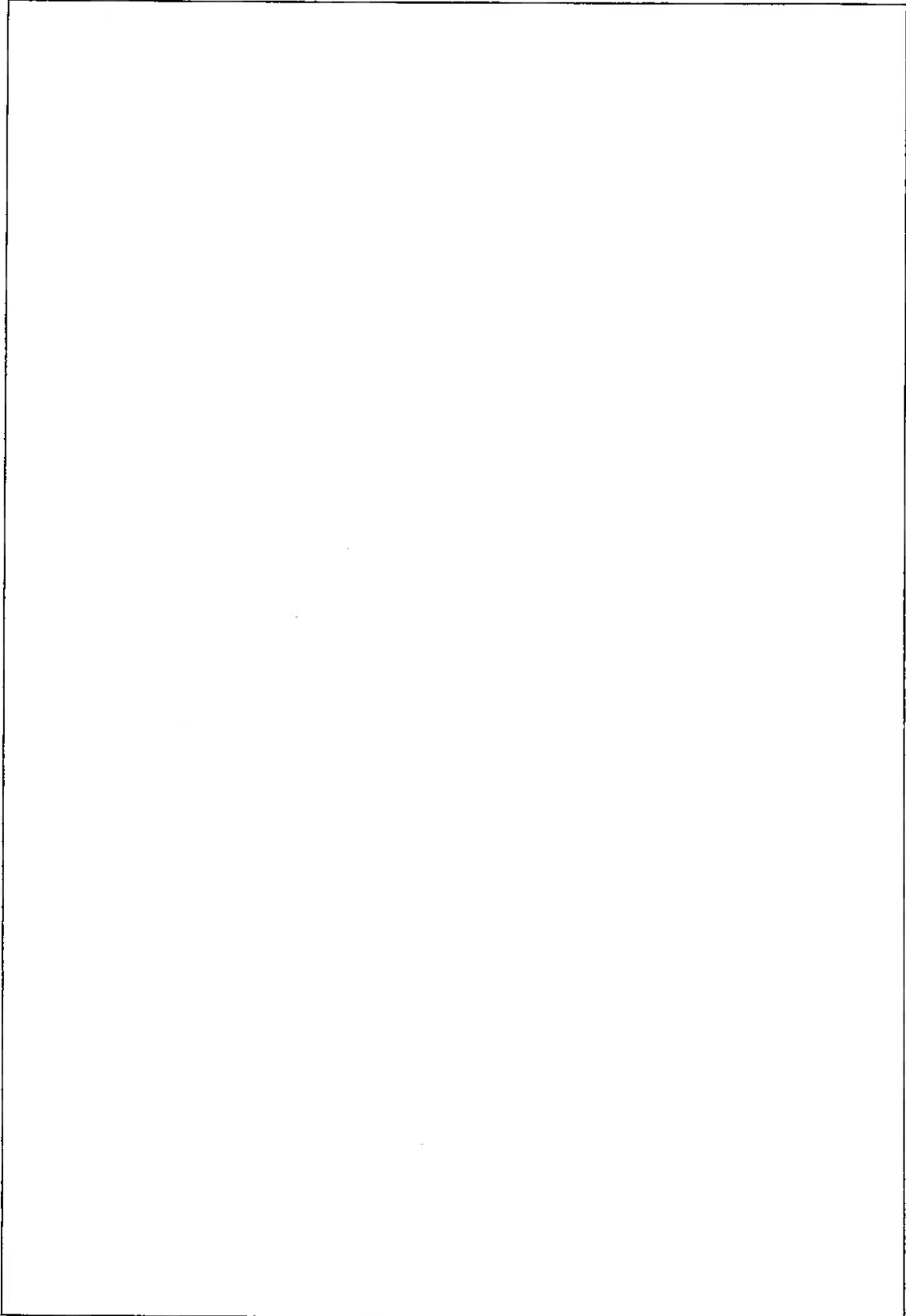
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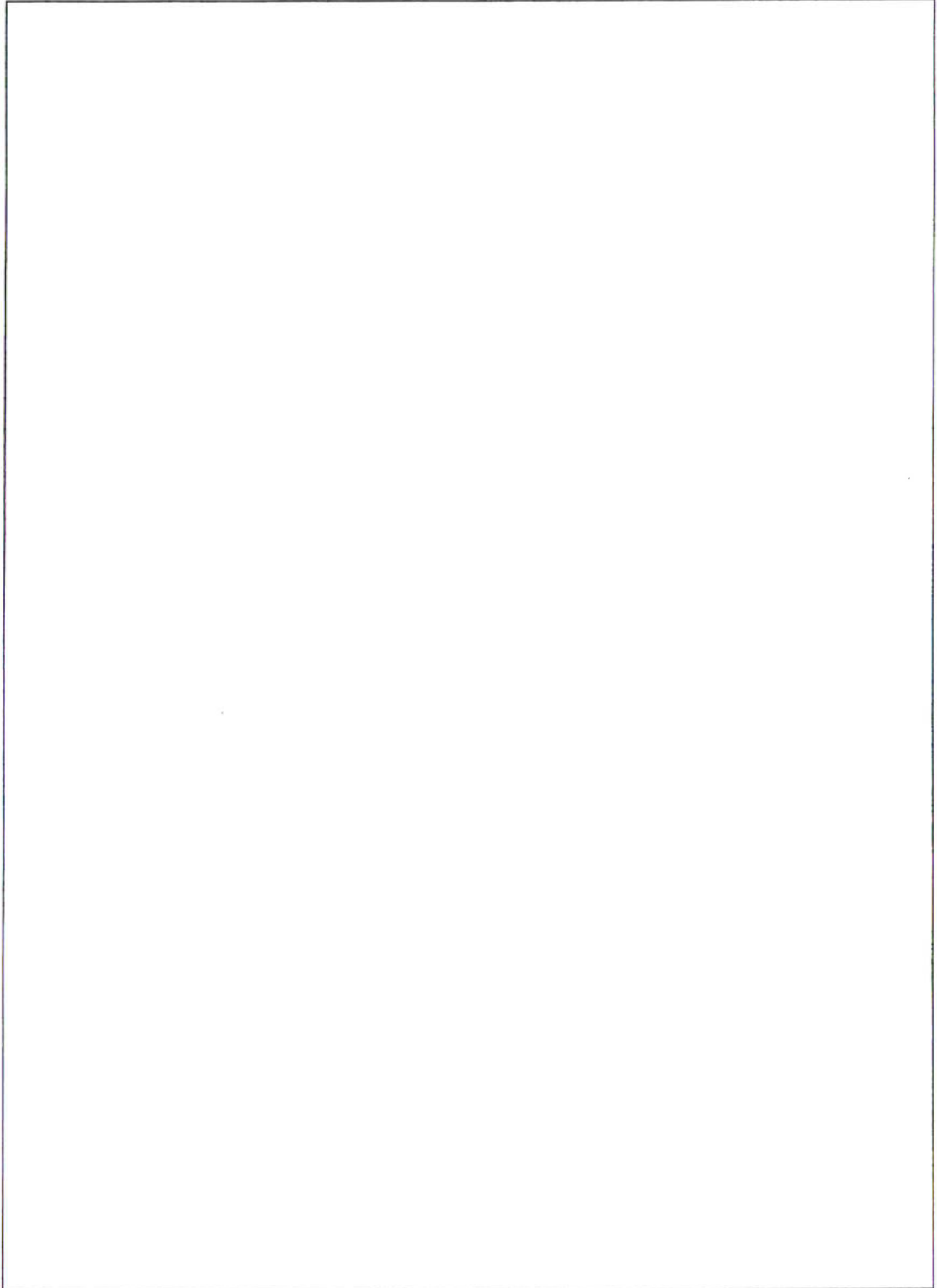
**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
30 JUN 2022
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5. Please describe the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

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I am writing to appeal the most recent decision by Donegal County Council to grant permission to Patrick Bonar in an application for:

(1) 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 FOR THE PURPOSES OF STORAGE FOR THE FACILITY INCLUDING ON-SITE MACHINERY MAINTENANCE (C) SITE OFFICE WITH CANTEEN, TOILET & DRYING FACILITIES (4) INSTALLATION OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM & PERCOLATION AREA (5) PROVISION OF A WHEEL WASH AND WEIGHBRIDGE (5) LANDSCAPING OF THE QUARRY DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE AND RESTORATION OF THE QUARRY ON COMPLETION OF EXTRACTION (5) ALL ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY FACILITIES / WORKS OVER A 25 YEAR PERIOD.

My reasons for appealing this decision are as follows:

1. The priority for Raphoe's resource use should be given to amenities focused on the natural environment, history, and archeology, as Raphoe is a designated Heritage town situated in an area of natural beauty. These will be severely compromised if the proposed quarry development were to proceed. The specialness of this area is characterised by the Beltany Stone Circle, the Tullydonnell hoard, St Eunan's Cathedral and monastic site, and the successful development of Oakfield Park, which in 2007 won the Genius of the Place award recognising private landowners who had 'done most to revive or restore the landscape setting of a country house on a smaller estate.' Following this Oakfield has made the treasure of East Donegal available for 50,000 visitors a year to appreciate local history and beauty.
2. The applicant does not work in partnership with the public or agencies and his previous agreements have not been kept, as noted in the High Court in July 2020 where the applicant pursued unauthorised quarrying to the River Leannan, and 'articulated a clear intention to flout the planning laws and environmental provisions therein.'
3. The environmental impact study carried out in respect of this application has only been done so by the applicant—a more rounded study would take into account the impact on the local community, heritage, and wildlife and water systems, and realistic account of what is required in terms of sustainable and realistic mitigation of the difficulties arising, as well as the likelihood of these being carried out by an applicant whose track record is already shown him to be uninterested in environmental impact.

4. Donegal County Council is violating its own designations (an area of high sensitivity) and policies (protection of such areas) in allowing this application to go forward
5. The impact of the development will be harmful to another key industry of the area, which is farming, wherein landowners who farmed during the time when this site was previously quarried remember their fields being covered with dust and unusable for grazing.
6. There has been no options analysis offered of other possible quarrying sites which would have less environmental and historical impact and whether the current need for quarry materials can be met from other currently operating quarries with less environmental and community impact.
7. The blasting proposed would be harmful to the historical and public buildings of Raphoe—most especially the Royal School, Raphoe Cathedral (12th Century recently renovated through international funds), the Raphoe Central National School. I would note the Donegal County Council's designation of this area as being 'under strong urban influence' and includes worries about the many private homes, including Beechwood Estate, in less than 1 kilometre proximity from the proposed quarry.
8. There is considerable concern about the increase of traffic from the quarry through the small cathedral town of Raphoe, already congested at its most narrow points, and the impact of this on traffic, infrastructure, and road safety for the populace, including the school children of the four different schools located in Raphoe. This is a very real concern as Raphoe's roads are narrow and closely confined by ancient walls and byways and buildings through the town. This traffic would also carry a highly increased level of emissions from the vehicles proceeding through the town, again full of children and residents.
9. The impact of the noise of the quarry would have an appalling impact on the amenity and people of the area and fall outside the environmentally safe levels for noise in the community.
10. There are real concerns about the process that has been followed for the granting of permission by the Donegal County Council for this quarry, whether due process and proper notice of the County Council's own policies have been adhered to granting permission.

I would ask that An Bord Pleanála reject this application and support the objectors of the development of this quarry, which absolutely should not take place.

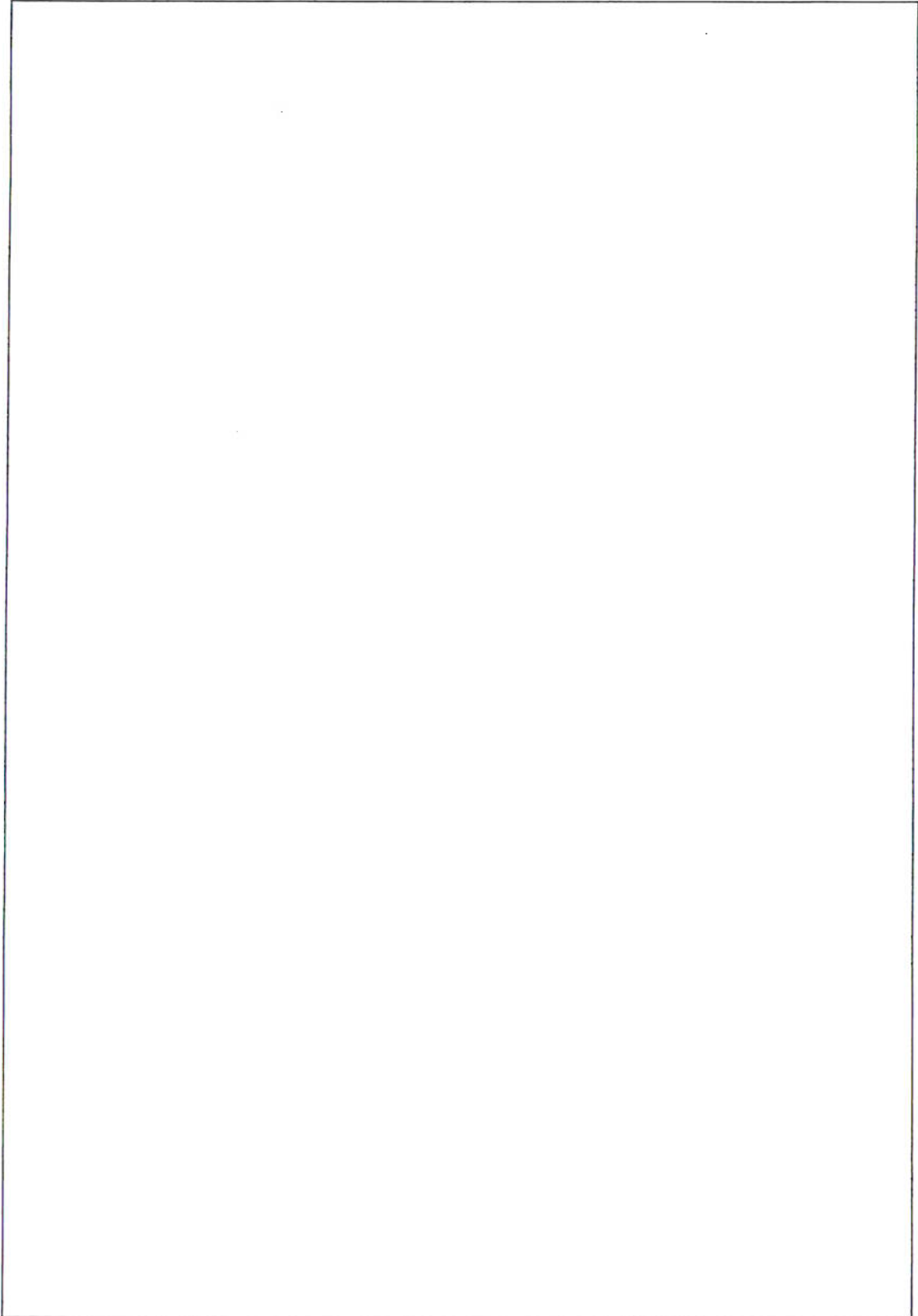
I am very sincerely yours,

Leslie Brown

Appeal details

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Supporting material

6. If you wish you can include supporting materials with your appeal.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Acknowledgement from planning authority (third party appeals)

7. If you are making a third party appeal, you **must** include the acknowledgment document that the planning authority gave to you to confirm you made a submission to it.

Fee

8. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your appeal. You can find out the correct fee to include in our Fees and Charges Guide on our website.

Oral hearing request

9. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing on your appeal, please tick the “yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

Please note you will have to pay an **additional non-refundable fee** of €50. You can find information on how to make this request on our website or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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NALA has awarded this document its Plain English Mark

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