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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: ABP - 315708 - 23

Defer Re O/H

Having considered the contents of the submission ~~dated~~ received 22/05/24
from

Hazel Willoughby 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 issues raised

E.O.: Laura Grady Lawlor

Date: 10/06/24

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.

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Please prepare BP _____ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission

to: _____ Task No: _____

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EO: _____

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AA: _____

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CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: ABP -315708-24

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Amendments/Comments

- Response to S.131 notice received from Hazel Willoughby.

4. Attach to file (a) R/S <input type="checkbox"/> (d) Screening <input type="checkbox"/> (b) GIS Processing <input type="checkbox"/> (e) Inspectorate <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Processing <input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN TO EO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Laura</u>
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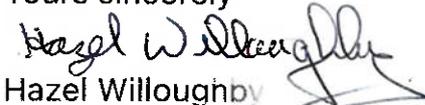
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EO: <u>Laura Geady Lawlor</u>	AA: <u>Sinead White</u>
Date: <u>05/06/24</u>	Date: <u>10-06-24</u>

Objection to Planning Application 22/50933 - PROPOSED QUARRY AT MAGHERASOLIS AND CRAIGS, RAPHOE, LIFFORD, CO DONEGAL.

To whom it may concern,

My objections to the above planning application remain unchanged and I remain extremely concerned for our beautiful town and surrounding areas should this application be approved, therefore I wish to reiterate my objections as previously submitted, a copy of which I have included.

Yours sincerely


Hazel Willoughby

17/05/24

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22 MAY 2024	
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Time: <u>9.00am</u>	By: <u>REG. POST.</u>

Objection to Planning Application 22/50933 - PROPOSED QUARRY AT MAGHERASOLIS AND CRAIGS, RAPHOE, LIFFORD, CO DONEGAL.

To whom it may concern,

I wish to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons :-

- LOCATION - The proposed site is within 800 meters of several private dwellings including my own, the Royal and Prior Comprehensive School, several farms, Oakfield Park which is a national amenity and tourist attraction and the town itself which is a HERITAGE TOWN of both historical and cultural significance. National planning policies recognise the importance of maintaining and protecting the natural landscape and built heritage. Donegal County Development Plan has designated this area as one of HIGH SCENIC AMENITY where new extractive industry is restricted. The use of the proposed site as a quarry ceased 50 years ago so any application for a quarry must be considered 'new'.
- The County Development Plan ascribes the area to the Lagan Valley LCA which is mainly agricultural with good quality pasture and arable land. The policy dictates that no development will be permitted which would alter the character of such areas - the introduction of a quarry will inevitably alter the character of the area. I would expect that Donegal County Council should abide by their own County Development Plan.
- Raphoe is a Heritage Town in an area of cultural and historical significance and the landscape forms a major part of what makes the town so special.
- ENVIRONMENTAL - Noise and air pollution by dust caused by the proposed industrial scale quarrying process including crushing and blasting are major concerns. The possible release of pollutants into the water systems is also of major concern - the water courses connect to the protected sites in the Finn and Foyle basins and could potentially be detrimental to the ecological status of local water bodies. Also of concern is that any quarrying activities would release highly toxic leachate from refuse buried on the site while it was used for some time as a landfill site.

The habitat of numerous species of birds and animals and many native plants in the area would be at risk of being destroyed, conservation of the area is very important for the future of our native flora and fauna.

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE - Proposed blasting and considerably increased volume of heavy vehicles will cause damage to buildings. Raphoe is a designated Heritage Town with many historical buildings eg the 12th century Cathedral which has just had restoration work completed and the Bishops Palace which is in a poor state of repair and is currently the subject of a Conservation Management Survey with a view to its preservation, the Royal School House and many more historical buildings that are features of our town. There are a number of areas of archaeological significance and interest in the town and its hinterland,

- including Kilmonaster Passage Tomb complex, one of five significant Neolithic tomb complexes in Ireland; Beltany Stone Circle, over 200 standing stones in various locations and important rock art at Magherasolis. Archaeologically the landscape continues to present new finds, the introduction of a quarry risks disturbing and destroying these materials and would run contrary to best practice in the conservation of our heritage.

I am opposed to the opening of a quarry in Raphoe and hope that the application will be turned down.

Yours sincerely,

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