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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 29/05/23
from

Leslie Brown I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000

be not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): Pending Review by Inspector and Board

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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Date: _____

S.A.O.: _____

Date: _____

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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: _____

CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: ABP -315708-23

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Amendments/Comments

- Response to S.131 notice received from Leslie Brown.

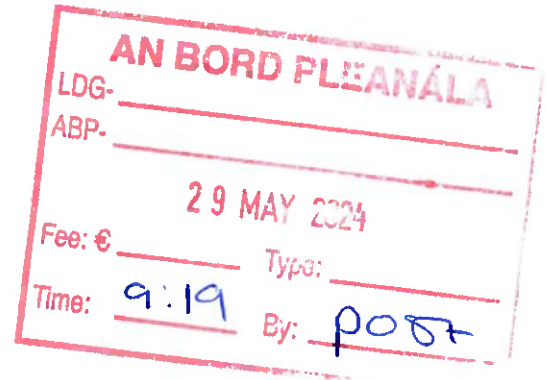
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EO: <u>Laura Grady Lawlor</u>	AA: <u>Sinead White</u>
Date: <u>06/06/24</u>	Date: <u>10-06-24</u>

From:
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Case Number ABP-315708-23
Planning Authority Reference Number 2250933

For the Attention of Laura Grady Lawlor
Executive Officer
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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29th May 2024

Re:- Demolition of existing concrete structure and the quarrying of 5.37 hectares which will be subject to extraction and processing rock through drilling, blasting, crushing and screening and all associated ancillary facilities/works of a 25 year period. An Environmental impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement accompanies this application. Magherasolis and Craigs, Raphoe, Lifford PO, Co Donegal.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to make my objection and observations in relation to the above application.

Point 1: The alleged dumping of waste

This site is and will always be vulnerable to dumping and waste and there is no evidence that there will be ongoing enforcement of environmental checks by the Council or any other entity. There seems to be not adequate consideration of how this site can be safely managed once the quarrying is no longer taking place on the site, if permitted.

Point 2: Groundwater Flow volumes

In my respectful view it is not possible to make accurate predictions about this, as the consultant's report itself even states: "*The outflow rate was observed to be higher than anticipated taking into account average Effective Rainfall for the quarry void catchment*". There is so much more rain now and with climate change the effects are predicted to be much greater. There are no safe predictions regarding groundwater flow and this is an extremely important element of the environment which will be, as is acknowledged, affected by quarrying on this site.

Point 3: Water Discharge Volumes

Please see above: It is not possible to make accurate predictions around this. Recent flooding will show that Raphoe is particularly vulnerable to flooding and the discharge from the quarry site is bound to be problematic for this ancient historical and busy market town.

Point 4: Site restoration plan & water Management proposals

I am not aware of site restoration plans and water management proposals to which the company is committed in this or any other of its quarrying sites. There can be no confidence that this company will demonstrate any commitment to the dangers and restoration of a quarry site being left and the impact of this on the local community, particularly schools and tourism and wildlife.

Point 5: Road access improvements proposals

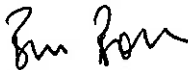
There is simply no way to ameliorate the effects of quarry lorries travelling through the streets of Raphoe. This point has often been made. Any change to the streets even if possible will have a detrimental impact on the human flow of foot and car traffic in this scenic market town. This will be unacceptable. There are also no sanctions or proposals in place to limit that times of quarrying which will bring this traffic through Raphoe. It is already often difficult to drive through Raphoe with ordinary traffic, given the narrowness of the roads, for ordinary vehicles. I would invite the Bord to come and see this for themselves.

Point 6: Operational matters and sump

It is inconceivable that the difficulties with noise and dust on the farming activities, the school activities, the tourism activities and the normal market activities of Raphoe will not be affected by the demolition, extracting, drilling, blasting, crushing, and screening operations intended to be carried out on the site. The impact of this on Raphoe's Heritage status, one of only five in the County, will be so detrimental. Raphoe's beauty and specialness as an ancient and relatively unspoiled place with the stone circle, cathedral, diamond, and Oakfield Park cannot survive the operational day to day of quarrying at this site. The many people who remember the quarrying from before would state that the fields were ungrazable and the environment of the town was hugely affected in a miserable way by the site operations on a daily basis.

I object most strongly to this destructive quarry application. I believe it will be extremely detrimental to our local environment and will impact negatively on the everyday activities of farmers, school children, neighbors, and tourists of Raphoe.

Kind regards



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Leslie Brown (Mrs)