Our Case Number: ABP-317330-23

Plahung Authority Reference Number: 2260819



~Environmental Protection Agency **Environmental Licensing Programme** PO Box 3000 Johnstown Castle Estate Co. Wexford Y35 W821

Date: 28 May 2024

Re: Quarrying operations including the extraction of minerals (sand and gravel). The planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

Cloonascragh, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the above-mentioned proposed development which is the subject of a current determination on whether an environmental impact assessment report is required in accordance with the provisions of section 173A(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as inserted by Article 10 of the European (Environmental Impact Assessment Report) (Waste) Regulations 2012. The application relates to a proposed development which may comprise or is for the purpose of an activity for which a waste licence is required.

The preliminary view of the Board is that an environmental impact assessment report is not required. If the Environmental Protection Agency is of the view that a licence or review of a licence is required in respect of the proposed development, you are requested to submit your observations in relation to the preliminary determination. Your submission in response to this notice should be received within 3 weeks of the date of this letter i.e. not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 17th June 2024.

The planning application, along with other documents relating to the planning authority decision and copies of the appeal made to the Board are available for inspection at the offices of the planning authority in accordance with section 38 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Article 68 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 by contacting their website at planning@galwaycoco.ie.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála appeal reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Officer Direct Line:

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