



An
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Pleanála

Memorandum ABP-317330-23

To: Sorcha Skelly, Senior Executive Officer

From: Derek Kelly, Executive Officer

*S. Skelly
31/7/23*

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). Following Further Information, a revised NIS and EIAR have been submitted.

Cloonascragh, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Date: 19th July 2023

On 8th June 2023, the Board received 3rd party appeal from Peter Sweetman on Behalf of Wild Ireland Defense CLG, against Galway County Council's decision reg ref: 2260819, to refuse permission for the above-mentioned development. A further 3rd party appeal was received on 21st June 2023 from Thomas Niland which was circulated to all parties on 14th June 2023 allowing 4 weeks for responses. Both appeals were cross-circulated on 23rd June 2023, allowing 4 weeks for responses.

The last day for responses is 20th July 2023.

An observation from An Taisce was received within the statutory time frame.

I recommend that the Observation from An Taisce, received 4th July 2023, not be circulated under Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Board to consider same.

A response was received from the applicant within the statutory timeframe.

I recommend that the response from Quarryplan on behalf of McTigue Quarries Ltd, received 7th July 2023, not be circulated under Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Board to consider same.

NIS

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS), revised following Request for Further Information, was submitted as part of this appeal.

Please find attached NIS recommendation form (light green) to be completed by inspectorate.

EIAR

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), revised following Request for Further Information, was submitted with the application.

Please find attached EIAR recommendation form (light green) to be completed by inspectorate.

File herewith for comments