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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 319198-24

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 11/4/24 from Gail McDavall I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 be/no be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):

No new material planning issues. Board to consider same.

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

Signed

Daniel J Connor

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Date

9/4/24

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Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-003324

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Gail McDowall

Lodgement Date
01/04/2024 21:09:25

Case Number / Description
319198

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Gail McDowall

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

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Darius & Co. Inc

Date

4/4/24

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Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG- 071079-24

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

Signed

Date

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Finance Section

Payment Reference

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

*I.K.
04/04/24*

r the attention of : The Planning Section, Carlow County Council

Planning Appeal Reference: ABP-319198-24, Milford Quarries

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to lodge our objections to the following planning appeal reference number ABP-319198-24, by Milford Quarries. We have a number of concerns about the proposed development and strongly urge Carlow County Council to take into serious consideration the following grounds for our objections and to reject the above planning appeal application.

1) Risk to the water supply

My house, as well as all the surrounding residential dwellings, all source their water supply from private wells. These private wells are reliant on a supply of clean water from surrounding natural water resources. There is no guarantee that these sources of water will be protected if the above development is allowed to proceed.

2) Risk to local Flora and Fauna

Many trees will be felled and earth removed from the hillside and this will have a direct affect on the local habitat of bats, badgers, corncrakes and falcons. The protection of wildlife and natural habitats has become even more important than ever before, but this proposed development will result in the destruction, not the protection, of the local flora and fauna. It will leave a 'scar' on the beautiful landscape that currently exists around the proposed area for development. The destruction of our beautiful landscape will never be restored if this development is permitted.

3) Health Risks

Dust pollution and associated health risks

I have a diagnosis of asthma which is directly aggravated by allergies. I am extremely allergic to dust particles and I am extremely concerned for my health if this development is allowed to proceed. The Old Leighlin quarry already poses risks to my asthma and allergies, but is farther away from my home than the proposed development. This proposed development will bring higher health risks as it is in much closer proximity to my family home. It will also extend the area exposing dust along the road nearer to my house. My house is situated only a couple of hundred yards away from the entrance to the proposed development and without a doubt the dust created by the proposed quarry will have a very negative impact on my health. I regularly walk and run those roads.

The dust particles will reside on the road and hedges along the proposed development, as it does in the other quarries belonging to this company. Dust will be carried on the high volume of lorries that most likely will be required to transport the unsuitable stone along the proposed routes, all of which are evident in the existing quarries this company already owns. In addition, the dust particles will be carried in the wind. There will be a risk of inhaling these dust particles while walking past the proposed quarry, from passing heavy vehicles on the road while walking, as well as inhaling dust particles from farther away on a windy day. The dust will not just pose a risk to me, but also to my

families using the country roads for walking, cycling and driving. There are now lots of residential dwellings in close proximity to the proposed development and therefore far more people going to be affected by the very negative impacts of such a proposed development.

De-valuation of property

Local residents will face serious de-valuation of their property if the proposed development is permitted. How will they be compensated for that devaluation? Most of these residents built their houses, including myself, to enjoy the beautiful natural landscape of the Old Leighlin area, to enjoy the freedom of letting their children cycle and walk to school or to friend's houses on the quiet country roads where all neighbours are mindful when travelling by car. The area will be far less appealing to any potential buyer if any of the residents have to sell their property in the future.

It is for all the above reasons that we strongly appeal to Carlow County Council to reject the proposed development by Milford Quarries and to protect the local water supply, the local wildlife and fauna, the local residents and to ensure the safety of all those children, parents and grandparents who use the small country roads daily.

Allowing this development to proceed would greatly impact the community in such a negative way, only for the material benefit of a company that already has a number of quarries in operation.

Yours Sincerely

Edward and Gail McDowall

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