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## **Environmental Impact Assessment**

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**Planning Reference: 24/60038**

**Development Proposed:** The development will consist of the continuance of operation of the existing permitted quarry and associated infrastructure (ABP Ref. 17.QD.0017; P.A. Ref. LB200106 & ABP Ref. 309109-21), deepening of the quarry extraction area by 1 no. 15 metre bench from 50m OD to 35m OD, a lateral extension to the quarry over an area of c. 4.8 ha to a depth of 35m OD, provision for aggregates and overburden storage, and restoration of the site to natural habitat after uses following completion of extraction, within an overall application area of c. 18.5 hectares. An extraction capacity of up to 300,000 tonnes per annum is sought to provide the applicant with the ability to respond to demand for aggregates in the region. Permission is sought for a period of 20 years in order to extract a known resource with a further 2 years to fully restore the site. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) will be submitted to the planning authority with the application. Significant further information/revised plans submitted on this application

It is noted that the Environmental Impact assessment carried out by Donal Farrelly (Executive Planner) and reported on in the reports dated **12/03/24 & 09/08/24** and approved by Wendy Bagnall (Senior Executive Planner) and Pádraig Maguire (Senior Planner) has been carried out giving full consideration to the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted with the application, the additional information submitted on **17/06/24 & 26/06/24** pursuant to a request under section (172 (1D or 1E) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all submissions and observations validly made in relation to the Environmental effects of the development .

It is considered that the reports dated **12/03/24 & 09/08/24** contain a fair and reasonable assessment of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Meath County Council.

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