

SITE NOTICE

KILSARAN CONCRETE UNLIMITED COMPANY intends to apply to An Bord Pleanála for permission for Strategic Infrastructure Development at this site at

BALLINCLARE AND CARRIGMORE TOWNLANDS, KILBRIDE, CO. WICKLOW

The development, within an application area of 32.6 hectares, will comprise:

- I. Installation and operation of a soil washing plant at the former concrete / asphalt yard to produce construction grade sand and gravel aggregate from imported excess soil and stone. The soil washing plant comprises a loading hopper, a number of soil screens in series with connecting conveyor systems, a primary wastewater treatment tank (thickener), a buffer tank holding sludge and recycled water, an elevated plate press and filter cake discharge area;
- II. Development and operation of a construction and demolition (C&D) waste recovery facility at an existing paved area to the west of the access road. This facility includes an industrial shed (portal frame structure with roof mounted solar panels) to house crushing and screening equipment and process / recycle inert C&D waste (principally solid / reinforced concrete, bricks, ceramics and solid bituminous waste mixtures) and the use of external paved and surrounding hardstanding areas for the external handling and storage of both unprocessed and processed C&D wastes;
- III. Construction and operation of an inert landfill facility to backfill the existing quarry to 80mOD principally through disposal of approximately 6,500,000 tonnes of imported inert soil and stone waste, residual particulates / fines from the soil washing process and the use of non-waste natural (greenfield) soil by-product for engineering, capping and/or landscaping purposes; and
- IV. Progressive restoration of the backfilled quarry to long-term native woodland habitat.

The proposed development also provides for;

- (i) Continued use of established site infrastructure and services including, site / weighbridge office, staff welfare facilities, surface water run-off and wastewater treatment systems, weighbridge, garage / workshop, wheelwash, hardstand areas, fuel and water storage tanks to service the proposed development;
- (ii) Clearance of vegetation and felling of a number of mature trees to facilitate widening of the internal site access road and make provision for off-road queuing of inbound HGVs within the application site boundary;
- (iii) Decommissioning of any remaining fixed plant and infrastructure associated with former rock extraction or concrete / asphalt production activities and the off-site removal of any waste materials or bulky wastes associated with former quarrying or production activities;
- (iv) Installation of a new weighbridge along the inbound lane of the quarry access road;
- (v) Installation of an additional wheelwash facility on the eastern side of the former concrete / asphalt yard;
- (vi) Modification / upgrade of existing drainage channel along the site access road, installation of silt trap and hydrocarbon interceptor to treat run-off and provision of additional pumping capacity to transfer run-off from existing surface water pond at site entrance to quarry sump
- (vii) Installation of a silt trap and hydrocarbon interceptor at the proposed C&D waste recovery facility to treat run-off prior to being pumped to the soil wash plant or surface water ponds elsewhere on site.
- (viii) Installation of a sub-surface concrete wastewater holding tank (to supplement existing treatment capacity).
- (ix) Construction and establishment of an on-site (passive) wetland treatment system and any associated drainage infrastructure to treat / polish water collected from the active backfilling / landfilling cells prior to its discharge off-site to the Ballinclare Stream;
- (x) Re-use of an existing storage shed as a dedicated waste inspection and quarantine facility to inspect and store suspect waste consignments as required.
- (xi) Re-alignment, upgrading and ongoing maintenance of internal haul routes across the application site;
- (xii) Temporary stockpiling of topsoil pending re-use as cover material for final restoration of the inert landfill / backfilled quarry void;
- (xiii) Implementation of a series of measures to enhance local biodiversity including the retention of habitats and features of biodiversity value (e.g. ponds, buildings), quarry face retention for nesting peregrine falcon, establishment of an artificial sand martin colony, creation of roost space / deployment of bird boxes for bats and creation of habitat / erection of bird next boxes for breeding / roosting birds.
- (xiv) Environmental monitoring of noise, dust, surface water and groundwater for the duration of the landfilling and restoration works and C&D waste recovery / recycling activities and for a short period thereafter;
- (xv) All ancillary site works, landscaping and perimeter fencing

Planning permission is sought for a period of up to 25 years. The proposed development requires a waste licence from the Environmental Protection Agency. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The application, together with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, between 19th November 2024 and 9th January 2025 (a period of 7 weeks and 2 days), during public opening hours at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Wicklow County Council. The application may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the Applicant : <https://www.ballinclarematerialsrecovery.ie/>

Any person may, during the above-mentioned period commencing 19th November 2024 until 9th January 2025 make a submission or observations in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site,

if carried out. Any submission or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies).

Submissions or observations duly made will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:

- (a) the name of the person, authority or body making the submission or observations, the name of the person, if any, acting on behalf of that person, authority or body, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- (b) the subject matter of the submission or observations, and
- (c) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observations is or are based.

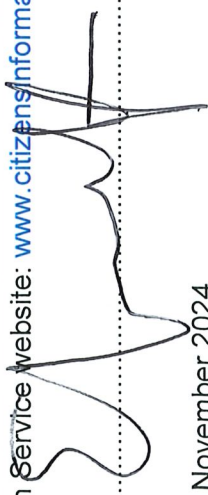
An Bord Pleanála may, at its absolute discretion, decide whether to hold an oral hearing in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may

- (i) grant permission for the strategic infrastructure development as proposed;
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified; or
- (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind); or
- (iv) refuse to grant the permission.

An Bord Pleanála may attach to a grant of permission such conditions as it considers appropriate.

A person may question the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with sections 50 and 50A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be found in the Judicial Review Notice on the An Bord Pleanála website: www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website: www.citizensinformation.ie.

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Date : 11th November 2024