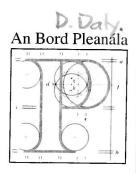
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McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Ltd, Block 1, G.F.S.C. Moneenageisha Road. Galway.

12th August 2013

Application

Re: Existing quarry operation and associated works.

Shannapheasteen, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above mentioned application.

The Board is of opinion that, in the particular circumstances of this application, it is appropriate in the interests of justice to request you to make submissions or observations in relation to the enclosed submission received 6th August 2013 from the Development Applications Unit of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

In accordance with section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 you are requested to make any submissions or observations that you may have in relation to this enclosure on or before 2nd September 2013. The Board cannot consider comments that are outside the scope of the matter in question. Your submission in response to this notice must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the date specified above.

Please quote the above reference number in any further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Murphy

Executive Officer

Direct Line:01-8737135

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From: Bord

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From: Manager Dau [mailto:Manager.Dau@ahg.gov.ie]

Sent: 06 August 2013 12:40

To: Bord

Subject: SU 07.SU0038 - Substitute Consent Review for Quarry at Shannapheasteen, Co. Galway

Importance: High

A Chara,

Please find attached the nature conservation observations of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with respect to the above. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

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Yvonne Nolan,

Development Applications Unit,

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Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,

Newtown Road,

Wexford.

Ph:

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An Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Your Ref No: SU 07.SU0038 PA Ref No: QSP83

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06 August 2013

The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

Re: Notification to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001

Development: Section 261A - Substitute Consent Review for Quarry at Shannapheasteen, Co. Galway

A Chara

On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to the Board's notification in relation to the above.

Outlined below are the observations and recommendations of the Department in relation to nature conservation.

Nature Conservation

The Department refers to the above application for substitute consent for the existing quarry at Shannapheasteen, Cashla, Co. Galway, and to the associated remedial EIS (REIS) and remedial NIS (RNIS; Appendix 4).

The RNIS and REIS include a general description of the quarry site as it is at present but provide little information on the likely or actual ecological effects of quarrying over time, notably since 1990 (REIS) and 1997 (RNIS).

Part of the application area (estimated at 2ha in the REIS) is within Connemara Bog Complex cSAC (site code 002034) and a smaller area also is within Connemara Bog Complex SPA (site code 004181). Ordnance Survey ortho-photographs show that quarrying and/or quarry-related activity has extended into these sites. It is acknowledged in Section 5.6.2.1.1 of the REIS that quarry-related activities have had direct effects on part of the SAC; this is inconsistent with the conclusions of the RNIS.

The Department notes the information supplied in the RNIS, but considers that there is insufficient assessment of the likely significant effects on certain habitats for which the SAC has been selected, notably the following Annex I habitats:

Blanket bog (*active only) [7130]

Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]

Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix [4010]

Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]

It appears that encroachment and some loss of Annex I habitats within the SAC has occurred over time. In addition to indications of direct habitat loss, wider effects on habitat structure and function, including hydrological effects, may also have occurred. The assessment of the likely significant effects on the SAC in view of its conservation objectives is not sufficiently detailed at present to determine whether there have been adverse effects on the integrity of the SAC.

In relation to potential in combination effects, the Board should note that Glenicmurrin Lough, downstream of the quarry, is the new abstraction source for the Costello water supply scheme. This scheme is not yet operational.

The acknowledgement to this letter, any further information and/or the planning authority's decision should ideally be sent to manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie; if this is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

The Manager
Development Applications Unit
Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Newtown Road
Wexford

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Yvonne Nolan

Development Applications Unit

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