



An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Our Ref: IE-40000205.s37L.01

6 June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR PERMISSION FOR A QUARRY RESTORATION UNDER SECTION 37L OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

This cover letter accompanies an application for permission under Section 37L of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('PDA'), on behalf of Bison Quarries Limited ('BQL') for the restoration of a disused quarry located in the townland of COOLSICKIN OR QUINSBOROUGH, Co Kildare.

BQL are seeking permission of the restoration of lands through the import of approximately 720,000 tonnes of clean soil and stone, a by-product (non-waste) from development sites to infill a disused historical quarry and raise ground levels to tie in with surrounding land ground levels. The Application Site is approximately 6.63 ha with an infill area extent of approximately 6.05 ha. Restoration of the lands will be to agricultural grassland, an artificial waterbody, and a hedgerow habitat with the lands returned to their pre-extraction agricultural use. The Site is accessed by a privately-owned access road connecting to a local road (L7049).

BQL are the Applicant and the owner of the lands in which the disused quarry is located.

This application under Section 37L is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report.

This Section 37L application has been prepared broadly concurrently with an application for substitute consent for the existing disused quarry under section 177E of the PDA that was lodged with An Bord Pleanála in April 2025 (An Bord Pleanála Case reference: SU09.322432).

This cover letter is presented by WSP Ireland Consulting Ltd who have been appointed by BQL to prepare this substitute consent application on their behalf.

This application pack includes the following documentation:

- Completed planning submission form;
- EIA portal notification documentation (portal ID number: 2025091);
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Non-Technical Summary;

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Naas
Co Kildare
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- Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report;
- Restoration Plan;
- Copies of public notices (site notice and newspaper notice); and
- Drawing pack containing the schedule of drawings as set out in Table 1 (overleaf).

Table 1 Drawings pack schedule

No.	Drawing Title	Scale	Sheet
01	Site Location Plan - Regional	1:25,000	A3
02	Site Location Plan - Local	1:2,500	A3
03	Existing Site Layout	1:1,000	A1
04	Proposed Site Layout	1:1,000	A1
05	Cross Sections	1:500	A1
06	Proposed Office & Welfare Facilities	1:75	A3
07	Proposed Weighbridge	1:100	A3
08	Proposed Wheel Wash	1:75	A3
09	Proposed Waste Inspection Bays & Bunded Quarantine Area	1:100	A3

Planning fees

The planning fees overleaf have been calculated in line with Schedule 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations, as amended, and the calculation is presented in Table 2 (overleaf).

Class 6 has been included in the base of this calculation. However, it is noted that the facility will accept uncontaminated clean soil and stone from construction and development as a (non-waste) by-product. The Proposed Project does not include the winning and working of minerals. BQL has not undertaken, and do not intend to undertake, extraction activities at the Application Site.

Table 2 Basis of calculation for fee under Schedule 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations

Class	Column 1 Class of Development	Column 2 Amount of Fee	Item	Area		Fee
4	The provision of buildings other than buildings coming within class 1, 2 or 3.	€240 for each building, or €10.80 for each square meter of gross floor space to be provided, whichever is the greater.	Office & Fully Serviced Welfare Facilities	17.82	Sqm	€240
			Portacabin associated with the weighbridge	13.32	sqm	€240
6	6. The use of land for— (a) the winning and working of minerals, (b) the deposit of refuse or waste.	€500, or €50 for each 0.1 hectare of site area, whichever is the greater	Application site area	6.63	Ha	€3,315
7	The use of land for— (a) the keeping or placing of any tents, campervans, caravans or other structures (whether or not movable or collapsible) for the purpose of caravanning or camping or the sale of goods, (b) the parking of motor vehicles, (c) the open storage of motor vehicles or other objects or substances.	€80, or €50 for each 0.1 hectare of site area, whichever is the greater.	Site parking area (6 No. parking bays)	75	sqm	€80

Class	Column 1 Class of Development	Column 2 Amount of Fee	Item	Area		Fee
8	8. The provision on, in over or under land of plant or machinery, or of tanks or other structures (other than buildings) for storage purposes.	€200, or €50 for each 0.1 hectare of site area, whichever is the greater.	Waste inspection bays and bunded waste quarantine area	78.13	sqm	€200
13	Development not coming within any of the foregoing classes.	€80, or €10 for each 0.1 hectare of site area, whichever is the greater.	2 No. Soakaway and 2 No. interceptor	n/a	n/a	€320
			Weighbridge	n/a	n/a	€80
			Closed system Wheel wash	n/a	n/a	€80
			Upgraded access track and site entrance	2,015	sqm	€80
			Hard standing area	307.87	sqm	€80
TOTAL FEE CALCULATED			€4,715			

We trust all is order and await the Board's determination of this application.

Yours faithfully



Ruth Treacy
Technical Director, WSP Ireland Consulting Ltd

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