

12th May 2025

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MOR Ref: E2343

By Email

**Re: JJ Flood and Sons (Manufacturing) Ltd., Murrrens Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 R6A0
– Section 37L Application**

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Malone O'Regan Environmental ('MOR Environmental') were commissioned by JJ Flood and Sons (Manufacturing) Ltd. ('the Applicant') to prepare an application for Substitute Consent for 39ha of land in the townland of Murrrens, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, A82 R6A0 (ITM 65253 774771) which has been subject to development.

The substitute consent application is currently live with An Bord Pleanála (ABP Ref. 322189-25). This application was received by An Bord Pleanála on 31st March 2025.

Under Section 37L of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the legislation states:

"Where a person applies for substitute consent in respect of development of land under section 177E, the person may also apply for the following:

- a) development of the land subject of the application for substitute consent;*
- b) development of land adjoining the land the subject of the application for substitute consent".*

The Applicant has commissioned MOR Environmental to submit this application for future development of the quarry subject to substitute consent under Section 37L of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The submission of this application complies with Section 37L (4), which states:

"an application under subsection (1) may be made not later than 6 weeks after the date of receipt by the Board of the application for substitute consent".

The future development of the quarry will involve continuation of quarrying activities, site preparation works and extension of extraction activities into a greenfield site and restoration works over the full Site with a total site area of 40.12ha.

In line with the substitute consent application, it should be noted that we are submitting an Appropriate Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report for the Site as part of this application. As previously mentioned in the cover letter for the Substitute Consent application (Dated: 28th March 2025, received by An Bord Pleanála 31st March 2025).

“It is our position, following a hydrological assessment, including geohydrological, carried out by a competent specialist and set out in the remedial Environmental Impact Assessment, that the Development either alone or in combination with other plans, projects or land uses, has not had and will not have any direct or indirect significant effects on any European sites in light of the site’s conservation objectives and best scientific knowledge, and no reasonable scientific doubt exists in relation to this conclusion.”

This remains our position, however, should An Bord Pleanála deem that a Natura Impact Statement is necessary, following a review of the submitted assessment and a review of available information, An Bord Pleanála may request the assessment under further information as per Part 22, Article 276 of the regulation.

1 DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED

Please find the following documents supplied:

- Six (6No.) copy of the completed Application Form;
- One (1No.) original and five (5No.) copies of the Newspaper Advertisement, in the Herald newspaper, dated 10/05/2025;
- Six (6No.) copy of the Site Notice on yellow background, dated 09/05/2025;
- Six (6No.) copy of the EIA portal confirmation, dated 12/05/2025;
- Six (6No.) copies of the Appropriate Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report ('AA');
- Six (6No.) copies of the Planning Drawings Pack including:
 - Site location layout scale 1-10560 on A3;
 - Rural place Map scale 1-2,500 on A3;
 - Site Notices Location Map, scale 1:2500 on A3;
 - Existing site layout, scale 1-1,000 on A0;
 - Proposed site layout, scale 1-1,000 on A0;
 - Cross sections & Elevation drawings
- Six (6No.) copies of the full EIAR, including:
 - Volume I: Non-Technical Summary;
 - Volume II: EIAR; and
 - Volume III: Appendices;

Please also find included:

- An electronic copy provided via USB stick; and,
- A cheque for the payment of the application fee (€20,060.00).

Basis for Fee – Calculation

- Class 6a: 40.12ha x €50 per 0.1ha = €20,060.00

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at 086 155 4301.

Yours sincerely,

for Malone O'Regan Environmental



Kenneth Goodwin