Our Case Number: ABP-308036-20

Your Reference: Drimoleague Concrete Works Limited

An Coimisiún Pleanála

Keohane Geological and Environmental Consultancy
C/o Dan Keohane
Ivy House
Clash
Carrigrohane
Co. Cork

Date: 01 October 2025

Re: Gravel pit.
Ummera Gravel Pit, Ummera, Macroom, County Cork.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned appeal.

The Commission has examined the appeal and is of the opinion that certain information is necessary for the purpose of enabling it to determine the appeal.

In accordance with section 132 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), you are required to submit, on or before **01 April 2026**, the following documents:

1. Exceptional Circumstances: An Coimisiún Pleanála has reconsidered its position, as set out in the letter to you dated 19th July 2024, in relation to the matter of Exceptional Circumstances. You are therefore requested to address the matter of Exceptional Circumstances and to furnish to An Coimisiún Pleanála such information as you consider material for the purposes of An Coimisiún satisfying itself that Exceptional Circumstances exist that would justify a grant of substitute consent.

2. Appropriate Assessment: In accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) as related to screening the need for appropriate assessment of a project under part XAB, section 177U and 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), you are requested to submit a Remedial Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, and if deemed necessary, a Remedial Natura Impact Assessment, so as to enable An Coimisiún Pleanála, as competent authority, to determine that the subject development alone or in combination with other plans and projects did not result in likely significant effects on any designated site(s),

3. Water Framework Directive: In order to determine that the subject development did not result in a risk of deterioration on any water body (rivers, lakes, groundwaters, transitional and coastal) either qualitatively or quantitatively or on a temporary or permanent basis or otherwise jeopardise any water body in reaching its WFD objectives, you are requested to translate any findings in respect of the aquatic

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environment into a conclusion on the historical effects on the WFD status on the relevant water body(s). This may be by way of a separate report or addendum to one of the other assessments. The historical assessment of the WFD status should examine back to December 2003 when the WFD was transposed by the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 into Irish legislation.

Note: Please submit two hard copies and one electronic copy of the above information. The Further Information referred to above should be received by the Coimisiún within 6 months from the date of this notice, unless agreed otherwise with An Coimisiún Pleanála

If the documents information required are not received before the end of the specified period, the Commission will dismiss or otherwise determine the appeal without further notice to you in accordance with section 133 of the 2000 Act, (as amended). Your submission in response to this notice must be received by the Commission not later than **5.30 p.m. on the date specified above**.

Please quote the above appeal reference number in any further correspondence.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at appeals@pleanala.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Dáire Littleton Caden
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737

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