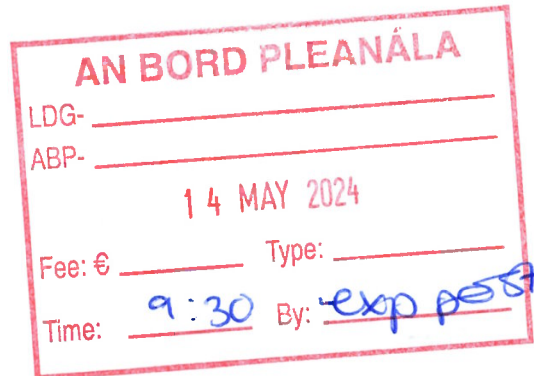


Ciarán Regan
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The secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Malborough Street,
Dublin 1
D01V902

11/05/2024

RE: Application of reference number SU17.319397

<u>Applicant:</u>	Keegan Quarries Limited
<u>Development address:</u>	Tromman Quarry, Tromman, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath, A83DA36
<u>Date of erection of site notice:</u>	20/03/2024
<u>Deadline for submissions:</u>	15/05/2024
<u>Description:</u>	Application for substitute consent for development of a quarry and ancillary precast concrete manufacturing yard.
<u>Submission fee:</u>	N/A

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a concerned young adult making an objection to the application that is detailed above. The points that I would like to express to you in relation to my objection are outlined below:

1. I do not agree with the ongoings of *Keegan Quarries Ltd* and believe that they must be made abide by the law, as is the case with every other company in Ireland. This company has not had permission since 2018 to further developments at the Tromman site and has done so irrespectivte of this. This application for substitute consent after the fact is insulting and should not be granted. No exceptional circumstances pertained

to the unauthorised developments that were made meaning that these unauthorised developments were illegally made.

2. I work as an employee for D&J Regan Livestock Trading company which is based in the Tromman area. The ongoings of this business, which is owned by my Father and his brother, would be directly impacted by the approval of this application and subsequent further developments by *Keegan Quarries Ltd* at their site in Tromman.
3. I have respect for the area that I live, grew up in and now work in, and I do not believe that this respect is shared by *Keegan Quarries Ltd*. One example that shows disrespect is the fact that there is a large mound at the site in Tromman, that can be seen from miles away and which breaches the terms of planning permission that states that such mounds at quarry sites must be covered with grass. *Keegan Quarries Ltd* has made no effort to abide by the terms of the planning permission that it previously received to conduct business at the site in Tromman in relation to this mound, which ruins the scenary in the area.
4. I am concerned about the water table and the impact that the activities of *Keegan Quarries Ltd* at the site in Tromman will have on this. It is the best interst of everyone living in the area that the water table not be disrupted by quarrying activities. It is also in the best interest of those like my family, who conduct farming businesses in the area. If the water table is impaired it could negatively impact the wells that many houses use as a fresh supply of water. Having consulted with other people who are objecting to this particular application, I think that investigations are required in relation to the ongoings of *Keegan Quarries Ltd* and it must be ensured that the water table is not disturbed via extraction below a certain level by this company.
5. *Keegan Quarries Ltd* has broken EU law with its activites. This is a matter that goes beyond national legislation and that reflects poorly on Ireland as a member state of the EU. A similar case was reviewed that relates to a winfarm development in Derrybrien Co. Galway (Case C-215/06). In 2022 the company operating at this site ceased its activites in order to comply with EU legislation and the ruling made by the European Court of Justice. Investigations in relation to EU law and the ongoings of *Keegan Quarries Ltd* should be carried out and sanctions imposed if there are breaches of note, similar to what occurred in relation to the windfarm case based in Derrybrien.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Ciarán Regan

APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR SUBSTITUTE CONSENT

SITE NOTICE

Keegan Quarries Limited intend to apply for substitute consent for development at this site Tromman Quarry, Tromman, Rathmolyon, Co Meath, A83 DA36.

The development at the quarry and the ancillary precast concrete manufacturing yard, totalling some 21.64Ha in extent, consists of the unauthorised construction of an electrical substation, a concrete batching plant with technical lab and associated lagoon system; additional settlement facilities; a Limestone Powder plant, comprising feed hopper, crushing and screening plant, dispatch points, drying plant, storage sheds and gas tank fuel storage and the unauthorised construction of a precast concrete manufacturing industrial unit. In addition, the unauthorised continuation of extraction and associated mineral processing activities and the continued use and or operation of previously authorised structures; to include a block yard, office, canteen, weighbridge and wheelwash (00/2075), a precast manufacturing facility, associated batching plant and fuel storage (TA20408); an administrative office, septic tank, workshop, weighbridge, wheelwash, fuel store, pump house, steam cleaner and ancillary development (TA130400 & TA130581) beyond the expiry of extraction consents on the 5 August 2018 to which the ancillary consents for buildings plant and structures were co-terminus.

The application is accompanied by a remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report and remedial Natura impact statement.

Submissions or observations may be made on the application, to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within the period of 8 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by An Bord Pleanála and such submissions and observations will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application. An Bord Pleanála may grant the consent subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant it. The application for consent may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of An Bord Pleanála, or the relevant planning authority during its public opening hours (9.15am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday).

Signed: 

JOHN KEEGAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR, KEEGAN QUARRIES LTD

Date of erection of site notice: 20th March 2024