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12 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Planning reference SU06S. 310466
Laurence Behan, Behan Quarry, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Co Dublin**

We wish to make an observation in relation to the above. Over the past number of years, we have noticed the frequency and severity of blasts at the quarry have increased to the point where we have serious concerns for our property and the local environment. The blast tremors are significantly stronger and more frequent than heretofore suggesting the blasting sites are moving closer to the protected Windmill site as well as the residential properties in the vicinity which include our own house.

We have also noticed a substantial increase in blast debris with heavy coatings of dust on our cars and properties. Relatively substantial cracks have appeared in the external walls of our home and in the past few months, a section of an earth bank and retaining wall to the north of our property nearest the quarry, has collapsed.

We have further concerns about the erosion of the water table and as we rely on drilled springs to provide water for our properties, this is quite a concern for us and our neighbours where the quarry appears to be affecting our water supplies.

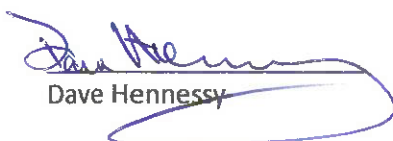
The extent to which the quarry extension is proposed, will have a serious adverse effect on the local environment.

We understand the assessment of the environmental impact with regards to traffic and pollution carried out by the applicant's advisors state that they do not envisage any noticeable increase in traffic volumes. This is wholly at odds with our experience of the traffic entering and leaving the quarry.

We understand that building waste materials are being deposited within the quarry boundaries. We also understand there is a concrete plant as well as a tarmacadam plant and we would question whether planning permission for these has ever been granted.

We would ask you to please take our observations above into consideration when assessing the granting of any application for Substitute consent.

Yours faithfully,


Dave Hennessy


Arlene Hennessy