



Windmill Hill  
Rathcoole  
Co Dublin

12 July 2021

An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: ~~PL065-308315~~ SU065.310466  
Application for Substitute Consent under S. 261.  
Laurence Behan, Behan Quarry, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Co Dublin

I wish to make an observation in relation to the above. Over the past number of years, I have noticed the frequency and severity of blasts at the quarry have increased to the point where I have serious concerns for my 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 includes my own house. I have also noticed a substantial increase in blast debris with heavy coatings of dust on my car and property.

I have further concerns about the erosion of the water table and as I rely on drilled springs to provide water for my property, this is quite a concern for me and my neighbours where the quarry may affect our water supplies.

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

I understand the assessment of the environmental impact with regard 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 my experience of the traffic entering and leaving the quarry.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

  
Rita Hayes