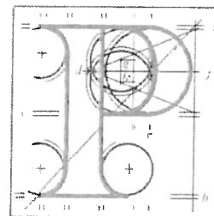


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**Your Reference:** Gabriel Murray and Murray Stone



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**Date:** 16 October 2023

**Re:** Application for Substitute Consent for the continuation of existing quarrying works, consisting of the extraction and grading of stone for the building industry, and all associated site development works. Drumbeagh, Mountcharles, Co. Donegal.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your substitute consent application in respect of the above mentioned development.

Please be aware that section 177M of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (as inserted by section 57 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010) provides that where the Board grants an application for substitute consent under section 177K in a case where it granted leave to apply for substitute consent on the grounds that exceptional circumstances exist, or in a case where the application is made in compliance with a direction to apply for substitute consent under section 261A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, it may determine that a sum or sums is or are required to be paid in order to defray some or all of the costs incurred by the Board or the planning authority during the course of consideration of the application and may direct the applicant to pay the sum or sums to the Board or the planning authority or both, as the case may be.

In circumstances where the Board makes a provisional decision to direct an applicant for substitute consent to pay an additional sum or sums (beyond the application fee already paid) to it and/or the planning authority under this section it is required to notify the applicant of this provisional decision at the same time as notifying it of the Board's decision on the substitute consent application. Section 177M furthermore provides that an applicant who receives a notification in relation to such a provisional costs decision can at that stage and within 2 weeks of the date of such notice make submissions or observations to the Board in relation to the sum or sums so notified. The Board shall consider any such submissions made to it and shall then decide to confirm, vary or withdraw the original costs notice and give notice to the applicant of the Board's final decision and the reasons therefore.

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The Board will now consider the validity of the application by reference to the requirements of section 177E (2) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2014 and articles 223, 224, 225, and 227 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations.

A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



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