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Re.: Quarry Philipstown and Redbog Kildare, Ref no: - QD09.319217.

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

With reference to your letter of concerning the above referral, the Authority outlines the following observations for the Boards consideration;

The Authority notes the subject development site accesses the N81 national road network via a direct private access within Wicklow County Council's Road and planning authority jurisdiction. It is observed that analysis undertaken in support of the subject application is outlined in Section 12 of the Remedial EIAR.

As the Board is aware the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012) state, in relation to lands adjoining national roads to which speed limits greater than 60kmh apply, that the policy of the planning authority will be to avoid the creation of any additional access point from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing access to national roads.

For the Boards information, the thresholds and criteria Table 2.2 and Table 2.3 of TII's Traffic and Transport Assessment Guides to define when a transport assessment should be undertaken only.

Taking account of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines, and TII Publications TII are of the opinion that:

- The rEIAR confirms that the proposal will further intensify traffic at a location via the private direct access on the N81 which is acknowledged by the applicants as operating over capacity.
- There is a serious concern with respect to the omission of the road safety audit referred to in the rEIAR as the Kildare County Council planning application ref no 20/532 is recorded as incomplete. Therefore TII have not been made aware of its contents. It should also be noted that the N81 national road network at this location is within Wicklow County Council's planning and road authority jurisdiction.
- Based on information provided by the applicant, TII are of the opinion that the private direct access arrangements for the development on a heavily trafficked national road endangers public safety by reason of traffic hazard due to its character, nature, and also taken in conjunction with existing cumulative development accesses to the site operated by unrelated parties and in addition to other accesses in proximity, including the L8373 local road.
- Based on the information provided by the applicant, TII are of the opinion that the development, in association with existing cumulative development will have a detrimental impact on the capacity, safety,

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or operational efficiency of the national road network in the vicinity of the site due to the movement of the extra traffic generated.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing proves of assistance to the Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. J. O'Connell', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Head of Land Use Planning