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Abgarrett,
 Eastestown,
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Co. Kildane.
 19th April 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Hudson Bros. Retention No 319217
 Rev. App. No 319218

I am writing to object vigorously to the granting of Planning Permission to the above application. The impact of this application on my life, my home and farm is a horrendous intrusion and worry.

For many a year now we have been experiencing the impact of the blasting, the vibrations, cracking noise in the house, the movement of pictures on the walls and the vibration on the floor is not a very nice experience. We then have the crushing process to contend with. This crushing causes Quarry dust from rock crushing. Quarry dust is from Rock Crushing which is a by product of the crushing process which is a concentrated material to use as aggregates for concreting purposes especially as fine aggregates. Research has shown that these large particles of dust, larger than 30 μ m will be dispersed within 100 metres of source, intermediate sized particles 10-30 μ m, are likely to travel 200-500 metres. I live approximately 240 metres of boundary. Rock crushing creates invisible dust which contains

microscopic solids or liquid droplets that are small enough to get deep into the lungs and cause Silicosis a progressive lung disease. Long term exposure is strongly associated with heart disease, stroke, infertility and pregnancy complications. This affects all age groups young and old, People residing close to Quarry Rites, which we are, have a higher prevalence of respiratory symptoms compared to those not exposed to quarry dust. So whatever method is used it is horrendous and has no regard for the people in the area of close proximity. Air Pollution is a very serious ^{invasion} of my air space and surrounding houses. This is what we are living with from this quarry. Quarry Toxicity is deadly. The farm animals are also exposed to the same conditions. These animals end up in the food chain. The wells and septic tanks have to be considered also.

The damage to the landscape and visual impact will significantly change the overall view and will have a negative impact on the landscape in this highly sensitive Protected area of Kildare (East) up to the Scenic area which needs to be protected. As it stands it has lost a lot of its beauty and wild life over the water lens on the Pond at the bottom of this field. This field was also used for the making of the film Hear my Song which was about Joseph Lark the famous Irish Tenor.

There is no special need for this quarry to be extended into Athgarrett taking more much needed agricultural land to disappear into another big terrible pit. Enough agricultural land has been

(destroyed already. What are these Pits going to be filled in with?

This field also borders Glending Wood, a very popular walking area for the locals of Eadestown, Blessington and other areas. Delightful to walk in but not with the clattering and banging of the Pit.

Glending:- Outline Site Description - a dry glacial channel.

Geological System / age and Primary / Rock Type:-
Quaternary (Pleistocene) glacial till cutting into Silurian greywackes and shale

Geomorphological Interest:- This glacial spillway displays a pronounced curved channel running North South along R410 for about 1.5 km. The surrounding area is reported to have extensive deltaic deposits and an abundance of glacial sediment. The formation of this glacial spillway is probably due to flowing meltwater from a glacially dammed lake during Quaternary.

Site Importance:- This is one of a range of such glacial spillways abundant in West Wicklow but represents a good example in Kildare and should be listed as a County Geological Site.

Source of Information Geological Survey Ireland, Why let this be at risk of damage.

We also will have the extra HGV's that is going to be on the Road. The R410 is a very busy narrow twisty road. Some of the Hudson ferries do not pay attention to the danger signs at the bad bends. I have reported this to Hudson's but someone is not listening! This road is already causing concern with the

Good Engineers in Kildare Co. Co.

Now the storage of Fuel and Chemicals:-

The amount of fuel & chemicals is a major accident hazard. Although they have an Environmental Management System there is still a risk of Environmental Impact. No matter how quick they respond, when it is discovered, it can still get out of hand. What happens outside of working hours? We do have a major increase in risk with the gas Pipe line from Cork to Dublin in this field where the work is proposed to take place. Also the weather climate increase in temperatures could affect the storage of Fuels & Chemicals and increase the risk of an unexpected explosion. Isn't this just a shocking position for us the residents of Belgarrett to be living with.

Yes I know sand and gravel is needed but we have a lot of areas in this country where Quarrying can take place without putting the lives of people at stake and taking their rights to live in peace and quiet in an unpolluted, picturesque area without interference of this kind. This is the truth and reality of my life.

These are my reasons for objecting to this application. I hope for a favourable outcome that will be informed by you

By Board of Pleasants. Hudsons have not applied with previous Rulings.

Thank you for taking the time to read these objections

Regards

Patricia O'Connor

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New application 319218

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