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For the attention of Daniel O'Connor, Executive Officer

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached submission in respect of ABP-319218-24. Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Kind Regards,

Siobhan O'Brien,
Administrative Officer,
Planning



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7th May 2024

Daniel O'Connor,
Executive Officer,
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64 Marlborough Street,
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Substitute Consent Application Ref. ABP-319218-24
Athgarrett, Philipstown & Redbog, Co. Kildare

Dear Mr. O' Connor,

I refer to your letter of the 10/04/24 inviting the Planning Authority to make a submission in relation to a Substitute Consent application to the Board. The Planning Authority's comments are set out below.

The main access route for all traffic arriving and departing the proposed site would be via the existing access road junction with the N81. It would appear that no improvement works are proposed to this access road and inadequate information has been submitted to confirm as to whether it has been assessed for suitability.

The applicant will be aware, having attending meetings with Wicklow County Council as recently as early 2023, that the section of the N81 between the subject site access point and the Dublin County boundary, requires significant cleaning maintenance largely because of HGV traffic from the quarrying industry. The application sets out that almost 79% of the proposed traffic from the site will use that section of the N81 route for both inward and outward journeys.

The significant of debris deposition issues on the N81 can be directly attributed to wheel borne debris and dust from HGV vehicles within the area and specifically from poorly maintained access roads that are subjected to large HGV numbers travelling over unsealed road surfaces prior to accessing the N81. For this reason the condition and form of the access road from the N81 to the subject quarry is vitally important. The current scenario on the access road is significantly impacting on the effectiveness of the existing on-site wheel wash system. Failure to consider the design and suitability of the access road as part of this application is a significant omission. The proposed development would intensify and likely worsen the issue for all road users of the N81 and local roads in the vicinity.

Where the Board is minded to grant substitute consent, the Planning Authority would request that, the Board attach conditions in relation to, 1) the sealing and surfacing of the access road from the



N81 in accordance with the requirements of the Road Authority, 2) the submission of a Construction and Traffic Management Plan to be agreed with the Planning Authorities, i.e. Kildare & Wicklow County Councils, which shall include for the regular inspection and cleaning of the access road from the N81, and 3) the erection of warning signage on the approach to proposed entrance in accordance with the requirements of the Road Authority, in addition to the standard planning conditions applicable to a large quarry.

Yours Sincerely


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