



Outlook

Regarding Substitute Consent Application by Bison Quarries Ltd – (ABP No. 322432) Ballykelly, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

From L MC <contactlarrymack@gmail.com>

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To Appeals2 <appeals@pleanala.ie>

 3 attachments (6 MB)

Quarry ABP for planning ABP.docx; letter from KCC rural water.pdf; 20240708 Water Sample Results_OOS Manganese_ Well Grant 2024-06.pdf;

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Please find attached my objection submission to Substitute Consent Application by Bison Quarries Ltd – (ABP No. 322432) Ballykelly, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

Please confirm receipt of this email and attached documents.

Best regard,

**Regarding Substitute Consent Application by Bison Quarries Ltd – (ABP No. 322432)
Ballykelly, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.**

Substitute Consent Application running concurrently with the application for Quarry restoration.

From:

Laurence McCormack Jne, Canal Cottage, Quinnsboro, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare-W34P786.

I am a resident living directly across from the quarry site, and I am objecting to the permission to restore the quarry and substitute consent as per the application. (ABP No. 322432).

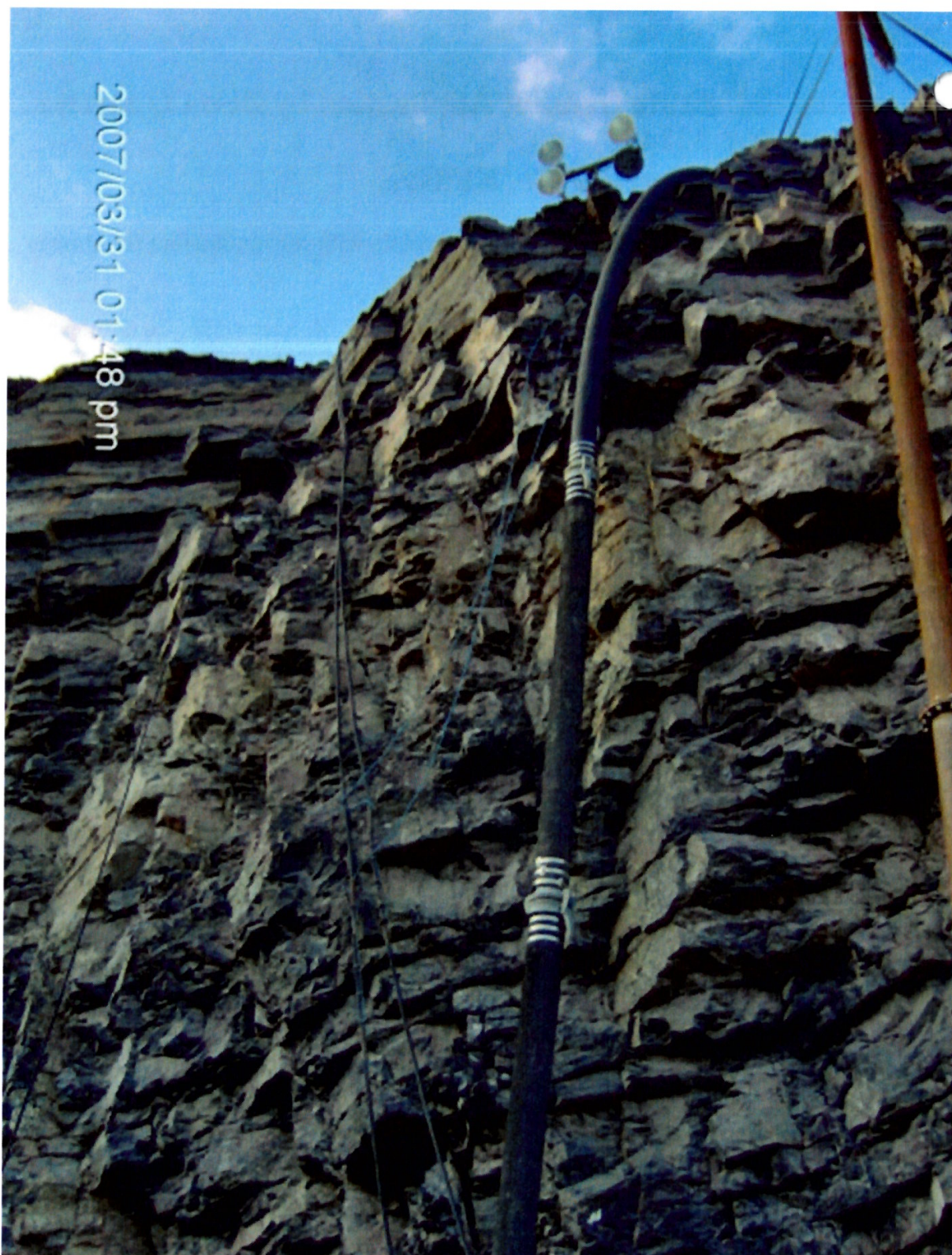
I am a member of a farming family which has been living in Coolsickin/Quinnsboro since the 70s. My parents are my next door neighbours living at W34Y432. I live in a protected heritage building. A thatched cottage built in 1829. One of the last of its kind in its purest form.

My observations as to why this should be rejected are as follows: **There is no method outlined for removing the millions of litres of water contained at the Quarry Site.**

I note in the Bison Quarries application for WSP, documents: - Remedial Stage 1 Screening for Appropriate Assessment, page 11, under section 3.3.1. Under the heading 'Management of Surface Water, **they claim to have 'no record of the method used for dewatering from 2000 to 2007.'**

It was not as they predicted, executed by discharging to the ground within the project site. It was illegally discharged by pump and pipe onto the canal banks, the property of the Inland Waterways. There is a detailed record of this in Kildare County Council, and consultants must be accurate and transparent in their Environmental Impact Assessment. It was widely reported on in the local and national media at that time.

In 2007, I took a detailed photographic record of the illegal release of hundreds of thousands of gallons of water from the Ballykelly quarry into the ditches that align with the towpath of the Grand Canal, now known as the Blueway. This was widely reported in the national and local media. The water was pumped from the Quarry and fed by pipes onto the Canal Bank. (I've attached photographs 1-5 showing extraction from Ballykelly Quarry and pipes feeding onto the Canal Bank, the property of Inland Waterways.)



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Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water were discharged into the emergency ditch alongside the canal bank, now the Blueway.

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(see attached photos 6- 10).









It was then fed along the Canal Bank with residual stagnant water, destroying habitats, leaving foul-smelling residue.
(see photos 11 -12).





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The water was then dumped into a canal stream, fed across by stream to lands at Quinnsoboro, Michael McCormack, fed under the road to a stream across the road and discharged into the Figile River.

The water table was depleted, and spring wells were exposed that constantly filled the quarry and removed water from our farm, house, and houses along the road. We had to sink a new well and go an extra 180 feet down and have ongoing chemical problems with water full of manganese. This required water treatment systems and filters to satisfy KCC rural water department.

The blasting exposed the water table and freshwater springs that continuously fill the canal and adversely affected our water volume and if this water table it further interfered with it will remove all the water from the Quinnsboro, Ballykelly and surrounding areas

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(see latest report attached)



Mary Fanning <maryfanning90@gmail.com>

RE: Larry McCormack Well Grant_2024-06

Ruralwater <Ruralwater@kildarecoco.ie>
To: Mary Fanning <maryfanning90@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 4:18 PM

Evening Mary / Larry,

Following my brief telephone conversation this evening with Larry, I wish to recap/advise on the following:

The water sample results that you submitted via email on the 04/07/2024 as part of your well grant application (Ref: 2024 – 06), have been received. As mentioned, Micheal is out of the office and is due back next week. In his absence I have reviewed the file and the latest water samples provided.

It is noted that the latest water sample has recorded an out of specification result for Manganese @ **272ug/l** (Max parametric value re Manganese = 50ug/l). Turbidity level is also elevated but this would be due to the level of Manganese within the water supply. Based on these latest water sample results, a Manganese Filter will be required to bring the water quality of this supply into compliance.

It is advisable that you now contact reputable water treatment companies and seek further advice on suitable treatment systems and costings for same, based on the latest water quality results. **Please obtain and provide 3 quotations** for the installation of necessary water treatment equipment, to resolve the water quality issue as outlined in the attached results. Once the quotations are received by KCC Rural Water, we will then be in a position to provide confirmation of eligibility for the additional €1,000 towards the costs of such equipment, on top of the €5000(maximum) towards the installation of the new well. **Please do not proceed to install any new treatment equipment until such time that you have received written confirmation of additional grant allowance for treatment equipment**, and as part of your well grant application.

Any questions, please get in contact with this office.

Regards,



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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Date Submitted 18/06/2024

Date Reported 01/07/2024

Order Number PIACHQ

Sample Type Water
Client ID 18/06/2024 12:15pm Well Water Sample - Larry McCormack
Date Tested 19/06/2024
ALS ID 6190159

Test	Result	Unit	Method
Hardness	350	mg/l CaCO ₃	P213
pH	7.3	pH units	P233
Turbidity	0.46	NTU	P239
Chloride	23.6	mg/l Cl	P281
Ammonia	0.03	mg/l NH ₄	P281
Nitrite	0.06	mg/l NO ₂	P281
Nitrate	27.5	mg/l NO ₃	P281
Total Oxidised Nitrogen	6.24	mg/L N	P281
Conductivity @ 20°C	681	µs/cm	P284
Total Arsenic	<5	ug/l	SUBCON^
Total Copper	0.0601	mg / l	SUBCON^
Total Iron	68.1	ug/l	SUBCON^
Total Lead	<5.0	ug/l	SUBCON^
Total Manganese	272	ug/l	SUBCON^
Sodium	11.8	mg / l	SUBCON^

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CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Date Submitted 03/07/2024

Date Reported 04/07/2024

Order Number FOC

Sample Type Water
Client ID 3.7.24 Kitchen Tap Larry McCormack Quinnsboro Monasterevin Co. Kildare
Date Tested 03/07/2024
ALS ID 6215095

Test	Result	Unit	Method
Coliforms	0	MPN/100ml	SP 196 Based on ISO 9308-2 (2012)
Escherichia coli	0	MPN/100ml	SP 196 Based on ISO 9308 2 (2012)

Report Authorised by:

Mairead Gilmore