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Dear Derek Kelly,

Please find attached to this email a letter of response to your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (your reference ABP-322432-25). WSP Ireland Consulting Ltd ('WSP') act on behalf of the applicant, Bison Quarries Limited (BQL), in providing this response.

Please can you confirm receipt of this letter by way of reply to this email.

Regards,

Rhian



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**Application for substitute consent under Section 177E for quarry. A remedial EIAR accompanies the application. Coolsickin or Quinsborough, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.**

**An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) Reg. Ref. ABP-322432-25.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above and to your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 requesting a response, where the applicant is so minded, under Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to an observation on respect of this Substitute Consent application.

Your letter of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 indicates that a response should be received by no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 in regard to a submission received from Kildare County Council (KCC) on this Substitute Consent application.

We act on behalf of the applicant, Bison Quarries Limited (BQL), in this instance and set out below our response to the observations on the above application for quarry development at the above address.

Our client welcomes the KCC submission which is broadly in support of the substitute consent application. We would however point out the following for clarity:

The extraction and associated works that are the subject of this application are historical in nature and are understood to have ceased by the end of December 2006. It is noted that BQL purchased the lands in 2022 and were not the operator of the quarry during its operational lifetime.

We would like to clarify to ACP that in Section 4 of the KCC letter (dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025) KCC inaccurately note that the application proposes further development of the site as a quarry. To confirm, **BQL do not propose to undertake mineral extraction and processing on the lands**. BQL are seeking to regularise unauthorised historical quarry development on the lands in order to restore said lands through import of clean soil and stone (as by-product).

The proposed restoration of the historically quarried lands through import of clean soil and stone is the subject of the 37L application prepared concurrent with the Section 177E application for substitute



consent. The after-use strategy and/or restoration plan proposed in the 37L application has been prepared cognisant of Section 9.9.1 of the KCC County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029, and in particular Objective RD O50, which sets out KCC's after-use strategy for quarries post-closure.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhian Llewellyn', on a light-colored rectangular background.

Rhian Llewellyn  
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