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From: Maplevalley Farm <maplestown@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday 9 February 2022 14:36
To: Appeals2
Subject: Case Number ABP-311893-21

Dear Mrs Tucker,

Thank you for your communication of 20 January 2022 in relation to Case Number ABP-311893-21.

Further to this I am making my final submission by email before a decision is taken in relation to any Substitute Consent for Maplestown Quarry.

I would like to take this opportunity to vigorously reiterate the chronic impact that the development has had on all aspects of my life, that of my family, our income both present and future, and our business activities.

The impact of the dust and noise on the health of our livestock is evidenced by the failure of some of our animals to obtain veterinary certificates which will affect the equine business for which my daughter has obtained permission for expansion after leaving her UCD lectureship to pursue this - on the express understanding that the quarry was closing.

My partner cannot face even another day of any proposed extension to the working life of this development and has moved away with my children until this matter is finally put to rest so devastating our family life.

Given the contemptuous treatment that we have received as closest neighbours I would be gravely concerned of the potential impact of the development on any environmental receptors including the critical Barrow Gravel Aquifer, the Broadstown Stream which feeds into the River Barrow SAC or the potential flood zones.

The activities of Mr Phelan's company have broken *all* proposed planning conditions to date and violate the key legal principle of the 'polluter pays' which is enshrined in EU and Irish environmental legislation.

The only predictor of future behaviour is past behaviour and at all times this has been resolutely in contravention of all legal requirements and enforcement notices that have been served. Consequently, my absolute fear is that if permission is granted then this will act as a '*rubber stamp*' for all that has happened to date and that we will continue to be subjected to the destructive impacts of extreme noise and dust pollution and damage to our visual landscape.

Lastly as an Irish citizen I would be very concerned at the terrible legal precedent that approval would set in terms of encouraging other bad actors who have no concern for the consequences of their actions on their neighbours, wider society or the environment.

I am looking forward to hearing confirmation that the correct decision has been made, or, I will be obliged to take this matter further including up to the highest legal level in Europe if so required.

Yours sincerely,
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