Patrick Carragher

Drumquill

Castleblayney

Co. Monaghan

22/11/2018

RE: Is the works carried out to change the level of the land up to 3m in parts, leading to the destruction of a boundary hedgerow and redirection of groundwater is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Board Reference: 302878-18

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Patrick Carragher of Drumquill wish to make the following submission to the above Section 5 referral. As declared in my affidavit, I witnessed the above works being carried out. These works were carried out by Mr John (JJ) Brennan, the very same Mr John Brennan who is the director of JJ Brennan Ltd, company no. 577542, (a building company based at this unauthorised development) and who claimed ownership of this site in his most recent planning application. (File no. 17357)

Mr Eamon Brennan, brother of Mr John Brennan has also claim ownership of the same site in a recent application concurrent with his brother's application. This has left the matter of ownership, and hence responsibility unresolved. (File no. 17395)

My submission includes:

- 1. Affidavit
- 2. Map indicating the site of excavation of soil, in excess of 6000 ton, and the site where this soil was deposited, severely altering the natural contour of the land. Also, the soil deposited is mostly an impermeable clay (locally referred to as 'chanel'), which has cut off the food supply for a number of indigenous plant and tree species which make up the boundary hedgerow. The death of native trees and part of this hedgerow is plain to be seen on inspection.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Carragher

AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICK CARRAGHER

I Patrick Carragher of Drumquill, Castleblayney, Co Monaghan hereby confirm that Mr JJ Brennan (brother of Eamon Brennan) has removed soil from the now unauthorised site north of Mr Eamon Brennans site and transported this soil to Eamon's site (the subject matter of this referral)

I make this Affidavit from facts within my own knowledge based on the fact that my dwelling house and agricultural shed is within sight of said site and I witnessed same being done over a period of 2 months.

SWORN at Monaghan in the County of Monaghan before me George Wright, A Practising Solicitor, by Patrick Carragher whose identity has been established to me before the taking of this Declaration by the production to me of Driving Licence No. 180042240 issued on 3rd May 2012 by the Road Safety Authority which is an authority recognised by the Irish Government

Patrick Carrafter

dated this 215th day of November 2018

Practising Solicitor

