

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Date: 29th September 2021
Your Ref: ABP-310546-21
Our Ref: S5-8-21

Re: Correspondence received in respect of Referral in accordance with Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (PDA)

Whether the industrial extraction of peat is or is not exempted development or is or is not exempted development.

Baltrasna Bog, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following receipt of correspondence dated 9th September 2021 and received by Westmeath County Council on the 13th September 2021 in respect of the above referral, please be advised of the following:

- All documentation received by Westmeath County Council on this Section 5 referral application was forwarded to An Bord Pleanála on the 10th June 2021 in accordance with Section 5(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (PDA).
- Any information within the possession of Westmeath County Council and relevant to the referral, including details of previous decisions affecting the site; land owner and occupier details; details of all persons notified under subsection (2) of Section 5 of the PDA and date in which the declaration was due to issue was submitted to the Board on the 8th July 2021.

The content of a submission made to An Bord Pleanála by McCann Fitzgerald (dated 17th August 2021) on behalf of Ms. Sarah Corcoran is noted. In accordance with section 131 of the PDA, it is respectfully requested that the above referral application and associated submission(s) received be duly considered by An Bord Pleanála in accordance with legislative provisions contained within the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations (2021), recent high court's decisions and matters in respect of Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.

It is advised that Westmeath County Council has no further comments to make at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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