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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see below Offaly County Council's submission in relation to ABP-317562-23:-

Offaly County Council notes that an entrance pier and gates have been removed from the entrance which has therefore resulted in the significant modification of the entrance. Please see OCC section 5 report photos for details. The entrance may have been extended to allow construction traffic to enter the site.

Offaly county Council considers that the widening of the entrance on site are ancillary works to the development subject of this declaration and cannot reasonably be considered in isolation from these works, particularly having regard to the resurfacing of the entrance route which forms part of the application for a declaration.

The applicants production of a traffic management plan indicates that a material change of use of the entrance has taken place.

The relevant SEE has indicated that the entrance is a hazard. Please see email on file.

Offaly County Council respectfully requests the Board to support its decision in this instance.

Given the serious traffic safety implications of the works on site OCC requests, in the event that An Bord Pleanala overturns OCC's declaration, that the Board provide as much specificity as possible as to which works are deemed exempt/not exempt by the Board and which works on site are outside the Boards referral decision.

In the event that the board's referral decision is unclear it could potentially preclude enforcement action from being undertaken.

Regards

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