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Mr. Patrick Crean

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Reg. No.: W0277-02

Request for an Oral Hearing in respect of a licence from Roadstone Limited for a facility located at Roadstone Limited, Huntstown Quarry, Huntstown, Kilshane and Johnstown Townlands, Finglas, Dublin 11, Dublin.

Dear Mr Crean,

Your request for an oral hearing was considered by the Board of the Agency at its meeting of 18 July 2017, in respect of the above referenced licence.

The Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to an objection. The Board of the Agency decided not to hold an oral hearing in this case.

The reasons for the decision not to hold an oral hearing are as outlined in the Inspector's Report which will be available to view on our website tomorrow (see also extract below).

The Agency will notify you, in due course, of its decision on this licence. All documentation relating to this licence is available for inspection on the Agency's website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie) including information on objections and submissions.

In light of this decision the Board of the Agency wishes to assure you that the refusal of your request for an oral hearing does not mean that your objection will receive any less consideration than where a hearing is granted. They also wish to advise that the Technical Committee will deal with your objection in a professional and impartial manner.

The Technical Committee will prepare a report and recommendations having taken into account all the issues raised in your objection. The Board of the Agency will consider your objection together with the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee before making a final decision. This decision will be made as soon as possible and without undue delay. Once the final decision is made you will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The decisions of the Agency are based on objective and independent evaluation of all the issues raised by all parties to a licence application. The Agency is committed to openness, fairness and transparency in its decision making process and you will have access to all documentation in relation to this licence application including the report and recommendations of the technical committee and the final decision.

Yours sincerely,

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- (i) New issues not previously raised that are specific to the location or the development.

**Comment:** It has been determined that there is no information in the objection which could be regarded as the raising of a new issue specific to the location or the development, which could not be dealt with by a Technical Committee as effectively as if an oral hearing of objections was held.

- (ii) The sensitivity of the location /local environment.

**Comment:** It has been determined that the issues raised in the objection relating to the sensitivity of the location or local environment, vis a vis the operation of the facility, do not warrant an oral hearing. All pertinent matters in relation to environmental sensitivity were dealt with in the assessment of the licence application. Such matters as have been raised can be effectively addressed by a Technical Committee.

- (iii) Whether it is a matter of national or regional importance.

**Comment:** It has been determined that the issues raised in the objection are not a matter of national or regional importance and are more local in nature. Such matters as have been raised can be effectively addressed by a Technical Committee.

- (iv) The scale or complexity of the development.

**Comment:** The scale of the development is large but it is not complex, and matters relating to scale or complexity do not warrant an oral hearing. Such matters as have been raised can be effectively addressed by a Technical Committee.

- (v) Significant new information.

**Comment:** No significant new information relevant to the licensing process has been raised by Mr. Patrick Crean, which would merit an oral hearing.