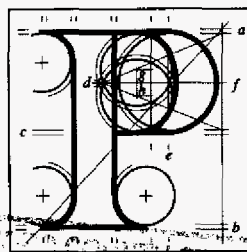
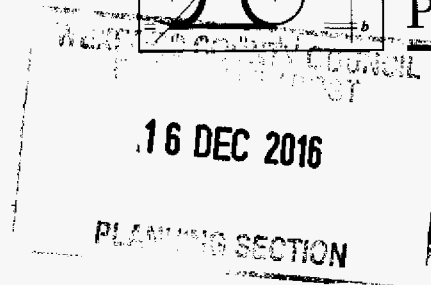


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The Secretary,  
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County Hall,  
Carricklawn,  
Wexford.



14 DEC 2016

**Appeal**            **Re:** Permission for the continued operation of the existing quarry permitted under Wexford County Council Reg Ref 20082323 and the extension of the quarry with all associated site works. Ballinrooan, Screen, Co. Wexford.


Dear Sir/Madam,

An order has been made by An Bord Pleanála determining the above-mentioned matter under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2015. A copy of the order is enclosed.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to any matter falling to be determined by it, within 3 days following the making of its decision. The documents referred to shall be made available for a period of 5 years, beginning on the day that they are required to be made available. In addition, the Board will also make available the Inspector's Report, the Board Direction and Board Order in respect of the matter on the Board's website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)). This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

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Yours faithfully,

  
Mary McGrath,  
Administrative Assistant.

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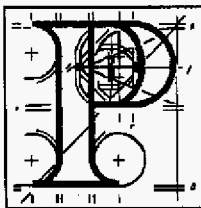
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# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

**Wexford County**

**Planning Register Reference Number: 20160261**

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: PL 26.246680

**APPEAL** by Sean and Michael Kelly care of Tom Phillips and Associates of 80 Harcourt Street, Dublin against the decision made on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 by Wexford County Council to refuse permission.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Continued operation for a period of 25 years of the existing quarry permitted under planning register reference number 20082323 and the extension of the quarry onto adjoining lands to the west. The quarry extension is sought to a maximum depth of circa 37 metres OD. The proposed extension will not result in an increase in the permitted extraction rate (125,000 tonnes per annum). The proposed development includes all ancillary site development, areas of stockpiling, landscaping and boundary treatment works above and below ground, including the restoration of the final pit void (extractive area), all on this site of circa 15.02 hectares at Ballinroaun, Screen, County Wexford.

## DECISION

**REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.**

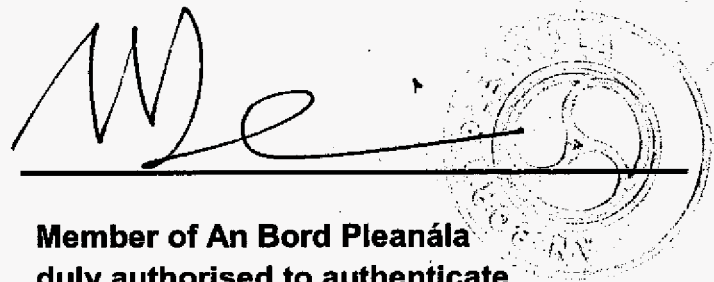
## MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

## REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. Having regard to the extent and characteristics of the sand and gravel quarry development proposed and to the site's location in and adjoining the Screen Hills proposed Natural Heritage Area, a "kettle and kame" post-glacial landscape of low hills and small lakes which is unique in and to County Wexford, wherein it is considered preferable in the current Wexford County Development Plan (Policy ED09) to take a precautionary approach to significant detrimental impacts by emphasising avoidance rather than mitigation. It is considered that the proposed development materially contravenes policy ED09 and is, therefore, contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
2. It is considered that the proposed development, by reason of its extent and its elevated and prominent location within the Screen Hills Landscape of Greater Sensitivity, would create a significant and unnatural feature in the landscape which would have a negative impact on the visual amenities of a wide area. The proposed development would be contrary to Objectives L03, L04, L06 and Section 18.16 of the current Wexford County Development Plan and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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**Member of An Bord Pleanála  
duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.