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Subject: RE: W0305-01 MSK Silversands Ltd - Observations Sought
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Hi Noeleen,

I would like to comment as requested as follows;

Planning Reference 20171532 which was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment was granted by An Bord Pleanála on Appeal 04th March 2019. This application included for the importation of 1,300,000 tonnes of inert soils for restoration on the site. It is stated in the application and EIS that the intention is to progressively restore the final pit void to the original levels through the importation of inert soils so it reflects the existing 2017 kettle and kame landscape. Providing that the mitigation measures included in the EIAR are adhered to, and compliance with the conditions of the Planning permission, it is considered that there will be no significant impacts on the environment as a result of the construction, operational phase and restoration of the proposed extension to the existing sand and gravel pit.

It was also considered by the Bord that, subject to compliance with the conditions, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity, would not be prejudicial to public health or would not pose an unacceptable risk of environmental pollution. Based on a visual observation and the documentation available, that the proposed restoration would be an adequate mitigation measure to address potential adverse landscape and visual impacts.

It was requirement of the planning permission that the applicant obtain a Waste Licence from the EPA which will be subject to an EIA.

Condition No.7

The developer shall submit to the planning authority evidence of having obtained the required Environmental Protection Agency Licence to allow for the importation of inert fill material to carry out the restoration works. In the event of an Environmental Protection Agency Licence not being in place by the end of the third year of extraction, no further extraction works shall be carried out and the planning authority shall be notified and restoration proposals shall be submitted for written agreement prior to closure of the quarry.

Reason: *In the interest of orderly development, having regard to section 34 (4)(n) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.*

I note the licence application before you and I have no further comments to make.

Regards

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