



Submission

Submitter:	Miss Mary Kavanagh
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Application

Applicant:	Kilsaran Concrete Unlimited Company
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See below for Submission details.

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Observation by Mary Kavanagh re Waste Permit Application Ref w0311 by Kilsaran Concrete Unlimited for Ballinclare Quarry

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make the following points in relation to the above waste permit licence application

- 1) When refusing a planning application for an inert waste facility at Ballinclare Quarry, An Bord Pleanala has stated that "The Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the submissions made in connection with the planning application, that adverse impacts on water quality, habitat and species can be avoided, managed and mitigated to non-significant levels. The proposed development would have unacceptable direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."
- 2) There may be a significant potential environmental impact on the area with regard to contaminants leaching into the water table and polluting Potter's River and other waterways into which it flows including a nearby SAC.
- 3) It has not been proven that there would not be an adverse effect on biodiversity such as flora and fauna, including rare species such as the Peregrine Falcon, together with frogs and newts.
- 4) No studies have been carried out on the potential pollution of the area by contaminants found in the waste from brown field sites such as lead, asbestos and other dangerous metals.
- 5) The daily volume of HGV traffic along what is effectively a small country road could have negative impacts on the residents who live along there, affecting their quality of life because of constant noise, dust and odours, not to mention residents' ability to walk the roads in safety due to there being heavy traffic with no footpaths for children, dog walkers, or individuals. There would also be a negative impact on people enjoying their gardens which they should be allowed to do as a basic right.
- 6) The quarry could remain in operation for up to twenty years during which time children will have grown up in this unhealthy and unsafe environment. This is not conducive to good health or good mental health.
- 7) The local authority failed to provide adequate environmental reports to An Bord Pleanala in providing best due diligence, best design and best practice for the correct operation of this

proposed inert waste facility to mitigate against destruction of the environment and protection of the water table and river.

- 8) There is another large dump in the vicinity and local residents have suffered the impact of this for years with foul odours forcing them to keep their windows closed even on the hottest days in Summer. It seems grossly unfair that another dump would be imposed on people living in that area.
- 9) The value of people's properties is bound to be negatively affected by living so close to what would, effective be termed a "superdump".

For all of the above reasons I am opposed to the granting of a waste licence permit for this facility.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Kavanagh