

Extract from the Minutes of the 847th Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 10 May 2016, at the EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
D Lynott, M Crowe, M Ó Cinnéide & G O'Leary.

5. **Air Pollution Act Appeal**

Licensee: **Mortimor Quarries
Belclare
Tuam
County Galway**
Register No: **E0001-01**

The Directors considered an appeal in relation to a decision by Galway County Council to grant a licence under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Reference Number AP11/14) to Mortimor Quarries for atmospheric emissions at a site located at Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway, the assessment of the appeal; a report by An Bord Pleanála inspector and the recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability to refuse the appeal. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Decision; Report of the Inspector dated 29 April 2016; and An Bord Pleanála Report dated 1 March 2016.

Frank Clinton and Gavin Clabby gave verbal presentations.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report.

Recommended Decision

Following discussion, the Directors decided to refuse the appeal and direct Galway County Council to grant the licence under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Ref. AP11/14) to Mortimor Quarries for their operation at Belclare, Tuam, County Galway in accordance with the conditions attached to it.

The Directors also agreed that the Office of Environmental Sustainability;

- will advise all Local Authorities that an Appropriate Assessment screening should be completed by the Local Authority as part of the assessment of an Air Pollution Act 1987 licence application;
- will assess future appeals in-house, and;
- will explain to the Local Authorities and Public that the scope of the appeal is limited to air pollution matters and doesn't extend to planning issues.