

Case Study

PROJECT NAME: CARTRON

PROJECT TYPE: QUARRY

CLIENT: MCTIGUE QUARRIES LTD

DATE: AUGUST 2013



Neo Environmental was commissioned by Planning Consultancy Services to conduct numerous assessments for a Remedial Environmental Impact Statement as part of an EIS for a limestone quarry in Belcare, County Galway.

Neo Environmental's involvement:

- Conducted a full LVIA, producing visualisations and a landscape restoration plan which required consideration of the effects of the already heavily worked quarry providing suitable landscape proposals to help mitigate any long term effects after it's cessation.
- Undertook a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment including a desk-based assessment to ascertain all historical and archaeological information relevant to the site and the local area.
- Conducted a site walkover survey and field assessment of heritage assets within a 1km radius, producing Heritage visualisations, ZTVs and mapping for the project.
- Carried out a Remedial Natura Impact Assessment to identify and characterise any implication of the quarrying activities upon any Natura 2000 sites within 15km. A Flora and Fauna Chapter was also produced by Neo Environmental, which included a Phase 1 habitat survey.
- Other chapters produced by Neo included - Roads & Traffic, Noise & Vibration and Impacts on Human Beings.

Project Outcomes:

- The project was consented in 2013 receiving no objections based on archaeology or Cultural Heritage.
- The supporting LVIA assessment and restoration plan helped the quarry to obtain planning permission while there is now a plan in place to ensure that the lands can be properly restored.
- The RNIA classified the site as being of low ecological value, proposing mitigation measures to enhance biodiversity in the local area.