

CARLOW - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE	Morrissey's Quarry
Other names used for site	Clonmelsh Quarry
TOWNLAND(S)	Clonmelsh
NEAREST TOWN	Carlow, Leighlinbridge
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Outline Site Description

A large working quarry with extensive overburden of glacial till.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type

Carboniferous Limestone

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest

Lower Carboniferous limestones of the Ballysteen Formation are well exposed at this quarry.

Site Importance

The site is of County Geological Site importance and may be proposed for NHA designation under the IGH 8 Lower Carboniferous of the GSI's IGH Programme.

Management/promotion issues

The site is a large working quarry, producing limestone for aggregates, ready mix concrete and bituminous road dressings. No management issues arise, except if the quarry were to close; then maintaining access for geologists would be desirable. As a working quarry it is not suitable for promotion to general visitors other than at the instigation of the operators.

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A panoramic view of the quarry.



The depth of overburden is shown on this image

Morrissey's Quarry

