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Application: Canterbury Landscapes
Supplies
Date: 7/3/2018
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Attention

Allison Cooper

Consents Hearing Officer

We are writing to formally oppose the requested consent put forward by Canterbury Landscapes Supplies Limited;

to discharge contaminants (including odour and dust) into the air from a composting operation, (CRC175344) and;

to discharge of contaminants into the land that may enter the water as a result of composting and stockpiling of compost on land, (CRC 175345).

As the closest residential property to the site this is extremely concerning to us for the following reasons that have a direct effect on us,

Air pollution,

the smell is very unpleasant and on some days it can be so over bearing that I cannot open windows in the house or spend time outside without a face mask. The smell extends down South Eyre Road and I'm sure the surrounding properties. With this also the possible negative and harmful effect this can impact on our health and well being.

Ground Water and Land Pollution,

With all of the knowledge we have today and the already great concern of the pollution of our water ways I don't understand how it is even an option for someone to apply for consent to pollute them and not just a one off case but for 30+ years.

Requesting consent to pollute soil and water? Obviously this concerns us, we get our water from a well on our property that we drink, bathe and clean with, we use it to water our stock. We use the soil to grow grass and hay for our stock to eat and vegetables and fruit for us to eat. And yet they could potentially poison the land and water for the next 30+ years.

Health and Well Being,

We are strongly concerned that if granted consent, the prolonged exposure that we will be subjected to through pollution of the air we breathe, water we drink, Meat and produce that we will consume from our property will have possibly irreversible damage to the health and well being of ourselves and that of our young son.

Risk of fire,

(composting is known to spontaneously combust and burns with an exothermal property, making it incredibly unpredictable and extremely difficult to control or extinguish.)

We are already in a high risk fire area in the middle of summer. What fire controls have they put in to eliminate the risk, with the components that are composted and the hot/dry/windy summers?

Traffic,

This would mean more heavy trucks on the road and one way bridge. Over winter when the fords to Tram rd are closed South Eyre rd is the only feasible option for commuters travelling in and out of Christchurch and Rangiora, the potholes and damage to the one way bridge that has been left unfixed is a good indication that the current roading is not up to standard for current road users, let alone adding more.

Road Damage and Upkeep,

On top of the congestion to the road there is also the matter of safety on the road, as high number if not all of the CTS trucks leaving diversion road leave in "an overloaded state" spilling their load out as they head down South Eyre Road, not only does this degrade the condition and integrity of the road condition but also makes for a very hazardous driving experience for any other motorists that meet one of their trucks on the outside of a corner and get showered in bark chip mulch etc.

Impact to the value of our property,

With all of the above reasons for why we believe this is and will have a direct effect on us it is needless to say that our house value will be effected, negatively.

We bought our house here in October 2015, if the LIM report had shown any such activity or planned activity less than 1km away we would not have purchased this property, So other potential buyers could possibly be of the same frame of mind there for devaluing our property.

As part of the covenants on our property ; we are not to permit any rubbish, noxious substances, noxious livestock and/or birds or animals likely to cause nuisance or annoyance to the neighbouring occupiers, to accumulate and/or be placed upon the land, or permit grass and/or weeds to grow to such height so as to become unsightly.

Even though this covenants may not be in effect on the site where CTS is leasing and using for their illegal operation, knowing they either currently have on site or intend to have on site, Animal bi-products, Solids from sewage treatment plants (bio-solids), Commercial kitchen and industrial grease trap contents, and Wool scours.

This goes directly against our covenants and is definitely not in fitting with the property and life style that we brought. Nor is it very fair,

Conclusion,

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And lastly, Canterbury Landscape Supplies Limited have been operating illegally at the site 97 Diversion rd and 949 South Eyre rd without consent, then after they were requested to stop unconsented work, they continued, because it wasn't "feasible to stop" and now they are requesting consent? What a joke, they obviously don't care the effect they are having on the environment or the surrounding properties or the owners. The money they have made from composting the materials on the site without consent has been from illegal activity which is criminal. They should be getting fines not an option to apply for consent to continue activity that shouldn't have happened in the first place.