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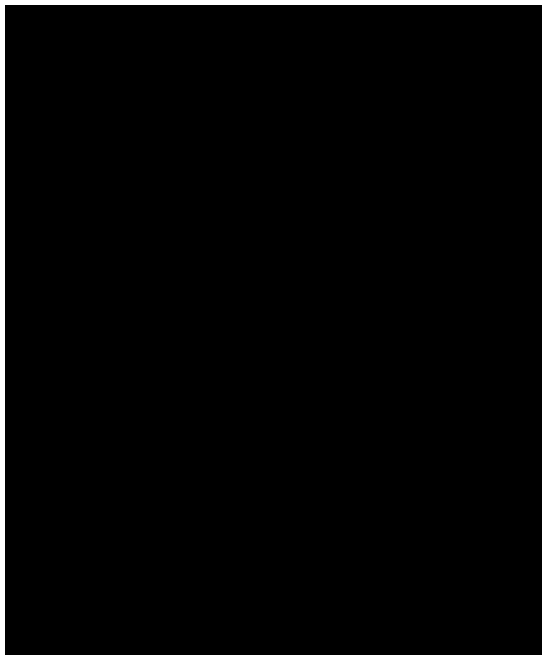
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Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

Consent number: CRC192408, CRC192409, CRC192410, CRC192411, CRC192412, CRC192413, CRC192414, RC185627

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Care of: Samadhi Buddhist Vihara, 365, Madison Street, Rolleston, Christchurch, Canterbury 7675 New Zealand.



Contact by email: No

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC192408: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
 - CRC192409: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
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 - CRC192414: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
 - RC185627: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
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Reasons comment:

Samadhi Buddhist Vihara (SBV) in Christchurch, which was established in 2002, is the only Sri Lankan “Theravada” Buddhist Temple/Meditation center in South Island. People who live in Christchurch as well as Sri Lankan communities in Dunedin, Invercargill, Balclutha and Queenstown are also benefited by the services provided by the SBV. The physical address is 365, Madison Street, Rolleston, Christchurch, 7675, New Zealand. The vision of SBV is to introduce and teach core Buddhist values; mindfulness, compassion, non-violence, generosity, resilience, contentment and equanimity and the mission is to guide the community to live a happy, healthy, peaceful and contented life developing above qualities through practice. To achieve these noble/valuable qualities in the community SBV offers following services. • Weekly two to three sessions of Dhamma talks and meditation sessions to the adults and Dhamma school and Mindful classes for children and youths (half a day weekends). • Monthly day retreats, programs to celebrates special religious days and annual retreats. • Conducting annual special religious festivals and cultural festivals (May – “Wesak”, June – “Poson”, July to October – “Katina” and January & April – “New Year”) festivals which attract large number of devotees and Buddhist monks from different parts of New Zealand including North Island. • Special programs hosted by visiting monks from other countries. • SBV has a very good scholastic library and it is open to the public to improve their knowledge. • SBV has become a place for people to gather and people daily/frequently visit with their families to pay their respect to the lord Buddha and the resident monks and to enjoy the serenity it offers. • Many functions related to religious and cultural activities are organized allowing /encouraging the unity of the community and these are extended to other communities living in Christchurch and other areas of South Island. There are so many other services that delivered by SBV where large number of people gather at the temple. The point I want to make here is that the SBV moved to current place in Madison St in two years ago, because the current place had 10 acres with peaceful, quiet, clean, fresh green neighborhood surrounded by trees to provide the venue to fulfill the above services efficiently. SBV is a place frequently visited by people with their children and they spend lots of time in the premises. We have made plans to establish a serene tranquil place with lots of trees and eco friendly buildings and we have already planted large number of trees and few meditation kuti (Huts) to provide the solitude that need for spiritual journey. Proposal of establishing the ‘Roydon Quarry’ in the neighborhood will leads to loss of serenity, tranquility and safety at the SBV due to the noise and the danger of heavy trucks frequently driven along the neighboring roads and the noise and the exhaust fumes from the operation of heavy machinery. The dust from the quarry itself and the frequent movement of trucks will cause air-pollution and change the quality of the waterways, the surrounding trees and gardens causing health hazards. Especially this will affect the health and safety of the children who attend the weekly programmes. All these things will leads to drastic reduction of frequent visitors to the temple, which can affect the wellbeing of the incumbent monks as well as ultimately causing spiritual, social and cultural unrest/unhappiness among the community in Christchurch and other communities of the South Island who are devotees of the SBV. We strongly oppose the proposal of establishing the ‘Roydon Quarry’ in the proposed place by Fulton Hogan Ltd, which is very detrimental to our residential monks, our people as well as the other people living in this area due to the above mentioned facts.

Consent comment:

We kindly request you not to approve the resource consent applications, considering the very drastic affects of the proposed Roydon Quarry by Fulton Hogan on the people who attend the above premises, residential monks living in the premises and the surrounding nature of the area.