Dear Sir,
I wish to place on record my objection to setting up a quarry right opposite a Buddhist Temple, a meditation centre that requires silence and tranquility. The site was selected to build the temple in this very location away from densely populated areas mainly because a temple requires a calm and tranquil setting.

I urge you to visit Buddhist meditation centres around the country and in the world such as the Stokes Valley Buddhist temple in Wellington and the Dhamma Gavesi Meditation Buddhist temple in Wainuiomata. Please do your own research on meditation and buddhist temples around the world and you will see the peaceful settings of such institutions. Temples are essentially environmentally friendly and green institutions and contribute towards the clean green environment that New Zealand is promoting through organisations such as the Department of Conservation.

I urge the resource consent to set up a quarry be declined as a mark of respect for the multi ethnic and multi religious communities that New Zealand fosters and nurture.

I am sure there are many locations in New Zealand to set a quarry. Why select this location opposite a temple?

Thank you
Kind regards
Jayantha Gonsalkorale