Group ID: 422

Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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

Name: Louis Himin

Care of: 

Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: No

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

Reasons comment:
Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the application made by Fulton Hogan to establish and operate a quarry at 107 Dawsons Road and 220 Jones Road, Templeton. I make this objection as an affected resident living within 0.7km of the proposed Roydon Quarry. My name is Louis Himin and my family and I shifted to Templeton four years ago. We came to the area from Hornby to escape the industrial feel of the area, to enjoy the rural surroundings (urban/rural fringe), and to remove ourselves from the pollution of a highly populated area. I oppose the application for the proposed quarry in full due to dust, amenity, and traffic.

1. Dust

One of the reasons we shifted to the area was due to my wife and children having lung conditions made worse by smog/pollutants. One of my biggest concerns regarding the proposed quarry is the impact that this will have on ones health. The dust mitigation plan does not take into consideration residents of Templeton. We all know that dust does not just fall out of the sky at 500m and that it will travel especially in the strong winds experience here in Canterbury. The application fails to recognise the impact dust (whether health or nuisance) will have on receivers further away than 500m. The residents of Templeton need assurances that dust from the quarry and quarry related activities will not impact them. The application quotes radio interviews, and a troubled/controversial dust monitoring programme (conducted at Yaldhurst quarries) as evidence which I believe is not suitable when dealing with 1850 residents (of Templeton) let alone those that reside closer. The impact of dust could be extremely detrimental and damaging. The dust if proven to not have a health effect, will certainly have a nuisance effect. With windows and clothes washing needing additional care. This may seem like a less than minor effect, however, over a year/multiple years this will be frustrating, have a financial cost, and become a more than minor effect.

2. Amenity

Another of the reasons we shifted to Templeton was to enjoy the rural feel the suburb has. It is close enough to the city however, residents get the benefits of the rural setting. Large open spaces, views of the mountains, country roads to exercise around, and paddocks of animals and crops. Having a large industrial operation right in the middle of these surroundings is extremely out of place and destroys how we as residents will appreciate and enjoy the area. When we drive around the area that has a country peaceful feel our eyes will be assaulted by large man-made bunds that are extremely out of place with the current environment. Light pollution from the proposed quarry night operations will also have an impact to those in the area. We enjoy star gazing and enjoying the less polluted night sky than our city counterparts. In addition, the new cycle lane that is being built between Rolleston and Templeton, then Templeton and the City Centre passes right by the proposed quarry. With additional traffic and dust, this will destroy the experience of this. Regardless of proposed mitigation, the proposed quarry will change how I appreciate and enjoy the area to an unacceptable level. This is a more than minor effect.

3. Traffic

The area around the proposed quarry and the suburb of Templeton is well known for traffic safety issues. The local councils have recently reduced the speed limits in the area to help combat this. Residents have been concerned about the traffic issues for many years. With some of intersections in the area being identified as the most dangerous in Canterbury. The addition of 1500 truck movements to the area is against what local resident association and also councils have been trying to achieve -safer roads!! The roads are not wide enough and already cars are pushed to the side of the road when buses or trucks pass. I experience this as a resident. In addition, the application proposes and predicts limited vehicle movements through Templeton, however, predictions and proposals do not give certainty. This needs addressed as does “Fulton Hogan controlled trucks will only travel into or through Templeton if a delivery is in the immediate vicinity of Templeton” (pg 24). What is meant by immediate vicinity, and what will occur to non Fulton Hogan trucks? Will they travel through Templeton? Will a code of conduct be enough of a deterrent to not travel these roads if it is faster? Who will monitor this? The proposal includes the addition of roundabouts at the Dawsons Road/Jones Road intersection. This will result in queuing if a train was to be present. Who will ensure that trucks will not take the easy option of travelling through Templeton instead of waiting for
the train to pass? The application is broken into many areas e.g. traffic, dust, visual impact – as residents we are not going to experience these things individually. They come as a package and a package that has more than minor effects on us as residents. I oppose this application for the reasons stated above, dust and health and nuisance affects, the change in amenity, and also the impact of additional traffic on the roads.

**Consent comment:**
I wish the consent authority to decline this application. However, if the resource consent application was to be accepted - these conditions are sought: 1. Quarry operations from 7am -6pm with no night or weekend work 2. Dust mitigation to occur 24 hours/7 days week 3. All trucks to be washed and covered when leaving the proposed quarry 4. All internal quarry roads to be sealed 5. Dust monitoring in real time being made available to the public 24/7 6. Monitors placed in Templeton suburb to ensure residents dust levels are at safe and acceptable level 7. An independent monitoring officer to ensure that all conditions of the proposed quarry are met 8. No traffic to go down Railway Terrace 9. Roads surrounding the proposed quarry to be widened 10. Video cameras around key intersections to monitor traffic