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Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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Consent support/hearing details

- CRC192408: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
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Submission to SDC and ECAN in reference to Fulton Hogan’s application to operate a quarry at Dawsons/Jones roads

Yolande Howell

My concerns regarding this proposed quarry and reasons for opposing the application relate to the following:

**1. Roads.**

- I travel daily to Broadfields school on Robinsons road with my eight year old daughter.

- Our local roads are already busy and unsafe and the addition of 1500 truck movements per day would be an astronomical increase.

- The current construction of the Christchurch southern motorway part 2 did give us the hope of safer roads and a safe passage across SH1, but any benefits from the CSM2 will be wiped out by the addition of so much heavy vehicle traffic relating to the proposed Roydon quarry.

- It must be clearly understood by all of us that this amount of road traffic will be damaging on many levels. There will be accidents, there will be traffic gridlock crossing the rail lines, at Dawsons road, there will be incessant noise 24/7, there will be filth and dust all along our country roads.

- To get a taste of what lies ahead for us all you have to do is drive past the quarry entrances on Pound road. The thick layer of dust stuck to the road, to the verges and all vegetation in sight is saddening, and one cannot feel anything but deep sympathy for the poor people who live there.
2. Noise.

- I really fear for the amount of noise that will be generated – the quarrying itself, the transport of aggregate within the site, the processing therein and then the transport from the site, and return of empty trucks.

- This is proposed to be 24/7. Even an 8am to 6pm weekday operation would be seriously invasive, but 24/7? It is beyond belief.

- This site is too close to homes, schools and playgrounds. The local populous moved here so they could live close to Christchurch but still be in the country, and they were aware of existing noise sources when deciding to move to the area. Yes there are roads, rail lines, Ruapuna raceway, air traffic corridors – but all these are pre-existing and known sources of noise. It is beyond unfair to impose extra noise onto the local population.

3. Water

- So many people in the area rely on bore water that anything that could interfere with this resource is a concern. This quarry is proposed to mine to within one metre of groundwater levels, which is too close. How can we possibly be sure there will not be contamination of ground water.

- Furthermore ECAN itself admits that water extraction already exceeds available supplies, so the vastly increased water consumption needed to run a quarry operation of this size is beyond what the environment can supply.
4. Health

- The health of the local population will be impacted in many ways.

- Our local roads will become far more dangerous.

- Dust from the quarry and from trucks will impact health in the short and long term. I just do not believe Fulton Hogan’s claims hat there will be no dust pollution.

- Noise, especially at night, will impact people's sleep, health and quality of life.

- The psychological effects of all the above combining to become a ‘feel bad’ factor.

In Conclusion

- The argument put forward by the quarrying companies when extending the Pound road and Yaldhurst quarries is that they were there first – but now of course this is the other way round, the people of Canterbury were here first, and we must be honourable and decent about our decisions and allow people who came to live in this delightful rural area to continue living in a pleasant area without having a giant quarry imposed upon them.

- Fulton Hogan must be commended on the professional proposal they have produced – these documents are well constructed and must have been expensive. But it has to be born in mind that this is the most sanitised picture of a quarry possible - the glossy pages showing flourishing shelter belts, the grand walking track, the wide elegant
roads and roundabouts. Just look closely at the artists’ impressions – where are the trucks, where is the incessant noise, where is the dust?

• It is easy to make things look good on paper, to be honest you can tell any story on a blank page, especially if you feel that any deviation from reality will be unpunished. This is the approach Fulton Hogan are taking – paint a picture of nothing but benefits and then do as you please.

• Members of the panel I put it to you that granting this application will generate nothing but suffering for the local community for generations to come. Let us not be the ones who were foolish and naïve enough to allow it.
Requested conditions should the permit be granted.

Yolande Howell

Operations

- To be allowed on weekdays only, 08:00 to 18:00
- No weekend or night-time operations allowed
- No extension to concrete or asphalt production
- No processing of aggregate from other sites to be allowed
- All workings to be invisible from the nearby roads.

Dust Management

- No operations to take place on windy days – and decision making therein to be made by independent inspector
- Water spraying to be used at all times
- Service roads on the site to be asphalted and not dusty
- If any dust seen leaving site at any time then operations to cease on that day.

Roads

- No night time heavy vehicle movements allowed
- All heavy vehicle traffic to be kept to strict working hours (as above 8am to 6pm weekdays only)
• Trucks to be washed before leaving the site and covered at all times

• But the best and only way to keep our roads safe would be if all aggregate were taken from the site by rail.

Monitoring

• There must be a full time inspector to monitor the site – and independent of Fulton Hogan. This officer to ensure all dust, noise, traffic and disturbance requirements are adhered to, and to have the power to instantly halt operations should dust or noise exceed the levels permitted.

• Dust monitoring to be undertaken at all boundaries and corners of the site, and also remotely.

• Water quality monitoring to be undertaken in all neighbouring bores.

• There should also be CCTV monitoring of dust, truck movements and times of operation.

• All the above monitoring information to be made available in real time to the general public (a free access website would seem a good idea)

Remediation

• All backfill to be clean soil – not concrete, hard core and refuse as suggested in the proposal.

• Remediation to return to site to the state it is now – ie clean, non-contaminated farmland capable of being worked in a healthy productive manner.
Noise

• Noise monitoring at all boundaries and remotely
• Bunds to be at least 3 metres and maintained with generous plantings
• Crushing machinery to be used in centre of site only and below ground level
• A setback of 250 metres from the boundary – no mining or works of any kind apart from bunds and plantings in this buffer zone

Water

• Water monitoring at all local bores
• Monitoring of drained water for contamination
• Works to be stopped immediately if contamination of any kind discovered.

Community Liaison/Management body to be set up

• There must be an independently chaired community board to allow for appropriate communication and liaison. All matters pertaining to the quarry to be discussed.
• All future consent change requests must be publicly notified