Group ID: 422

Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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

Name: sharon seddon-smith

Care of:

Contact by email: Yes

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
- CRC192410: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC192411: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC192412: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC192413: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC192414: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185627: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
Reasons comment:
I am concerned about the effects on health from dust, vibration and noise pollution. I oppose the increased traffic burden in the area. The enjoyment of the local amenity will be ruined by proposed quarry. It will negatively impact on the development of greater Christchurch to the south

Consent comment:
decline all the resource consents sought by Fulton Hogan
I am concerned about the health effects of the respirable crystalline silica (RCS) from quarrying. The proposed quarry is very close to a local community which has many young families, childcare facilities and a primary school. Worksafe NZ states that it is important to eliminate RCS from the workplace but a quarry the size of the one proposed would spread dust all over the surrounding area due to the strong winds that sweep across the Canterbury plains. The particular concern pertaining to the quarry is the most dangerous dust can be invisible to the naked eye. Templeton residents would find it impossible to avoid this unseen menace. RCS has the potential to be another asbestos in terms of preventable harm caused. Profit and ease of access to a raw material should not be put before health in a modern developed country.

The health effects of the quarry are not limited to particulates. There is also the problem of noise pollution. Noise pollution is any unwanted or disturbing sound. It is no surprise that Christchurch City Council has a 24hr phone line for reporting noisy neighbours due to the unpleasant affects that noise has on people both physically and mentally. Noise can cause stress and mental health problems. I contend that an activity which can not help making a huge amount of noise should not be situated next to an area of housing. There are promises to damp down the noise but I would suggest that it is unlikely that local residents next door to the proposed quarry will be enjoying much quiet if it is allowed to be ahead.

Further noise will be created by the massive increase in traffic due to heavy trucks moving to and from the quarry. These will be expected not to use Kirk Road but it can be certain that at times they will travel along Jones Road to avoid congestion on the main south road. The noise from these trucks and the vibration they cause will definitely have a negative effect on the well being of local inhabitants.

Some years ago I visited Templeton when my daughter was having a riding lesson nearby. At that time I thought that it would make a great place to buy some land and bring up a family. It was a small township in a wonderful rural area but with Christchurch on its doorstep. Eventually we were lucky enough to be able to afford a piece of land on which to graze horses and my daughter has become a competitive dressage rider. Whilst over the years Christchurch has edged closer, Templeton still looks out onto a rural aspect. The installation of a massive quarry would not enhance the rural ambiance of the local environment. The RMA suggests that change is to be carefully managed to ensure that the overall amenity and environmental quality of the area is maintained or enhanced. In every way this proposal runs counter to maintaining the quality of the area and in no way does it provide any enhancement.

It has been forecast, over time, that Greater Christchurch will increase in size to reach from Rangiora to Rolleston rather than spreading outwards towards Oxford. This would be a sort of "banana" shaped development. This is largely due to the beneficial transport links already established. The proposed quarry site would be in an area which should have been a prime spot for people looking for a rural type of lifestyle. It would be a blight on the necessary development of the city. Knowing on one hand that the city will inevitably move along the motorway corridor whilst on the other allowing the establishment of an industry which is totally the opposite of a clean green rural idyll seems contrary. I sincerely hope that the council will think hard about how the future of christchurch should unwind.