Group ID: 422

Consent name: Fulton Hogan - Roydon Quarry

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

Name: Sophie McInnes

Care of: 

Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC192408: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192409: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192410: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192411: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192412: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192413: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC192414: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185627: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

Reasons comment:
I have been a resident of Rolleston since June 2018, and prior to that I lived in Broadfield for 5 years, around 800m (as the crow flies) from the centre of the Wheatsheaf Quarry operated by Winstones. Many of my concerns are formed from the experience of living near that quarry. • From satellite imagery, a quarry is a scar on the earth. Certainly locals do not always see this, however when a plane flies overhead bearing tourists, their impression of the western side of Christchurch must already be tainted by the sheer number of quarries on view. Selwyn district would like to retain more tourist dollars, not deter them. • No amount of bund and native planting will blinker drivers’ (both local and visiting) view of the quarry from the new elevated section of SH1 between the Robinsons Road underpass and the new SH1/Dawsons/Waterholes Road roundabout. A stand of pine or gum trees might do it, but I don’t see those in the plan and obviously they take some time to grow. • At our home in Broadfield we had dusty windows, all the time (much more so than we now experience in Rolleston). I know that sounds like a first world problem, but when you realise how much of it you and your children must be breathing as well, that’s a genuine concern. From what I have heard, dust mitigation measures are only used while a quarry is in operation, which potentially leaves dust flying about naturally over 50% of the time. • The rumble of up to 1500 vehicles per day on the older portions of SH1, which were not designed for this level of use, cannot be good in the long run. I cannot see from the documents whether the definition of vehicles is the same for an employee’s car as a truck and trailer unit, which would significantly increase the impact on our roads. • I was a stay at home mum in Broadfield, and most days I could hear the quarry machinery clinking and clanking even when the wind wasn’t blowing an easterly. I am well aware that agricultural areas are not quiet and that there is plenty of activity going on at all times, but neither Broadfield nor Templeton are designated as industrial zones. The application requests permission to operate 24/7, though not constantly. That may be so, but even one night of that noise will disturb the sleep of thousands of local residents, not to mention the animals (domesticated or wild) nearby. • In a few years, my oldest child will be able to drive. I would fear for her safety on the road already, but with 1500 additional vehicles through our area I’m going to be downright terrified. Frankly, those driving quarry trucks at the moment can be absolute shockers for stopping across train tracks, pulling out onto major roads in spite of oncoming traffic, and so on. • We left Broadfield last year to escape from the feeling that we were about to be penned in by quarries, particularly when the land opposite our house was purchased by Winstones. Selling that house took six months, including one failed purchase, primarily because people aren’t dumb when it comes to realising what they might be facing. Obviously we are, in Rolleston, still potentially in the path of dust and noise from the proposed Roydon Quarry, but I take great comfort in the additional distance.

Consent comment:
• No quarrying activity within 1km of a residence (not just a township, but any residence).
• Constant air quality monitoring for dust particulates, not just when the quarry is operating. • Traffic monitoring, to ensure that in/out movements are within those applied. Use a formula that counts truck and trailer units as multiple vehicle movements. • Rules around dust and traffic movements, not just unenforceable guidelines, which must be adhered to by contractors (e.g. trucking companies and their drivers) as well as Fulton Hogan. • Significant fines for breaching any of those rules, not just a token slap on the wrist.