

**CON520: SUBMISSION ON
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION**

(SECTION 96 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991)

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FILE: CRC192408, CRC192409, CRC192410,
CRC192411, CRC192412, CRC192413,
CRC192414, RC185627Closing Date: **5.00pm Thursday 6 June 2019**

Person(s) / Group / Organisation Making the Submission

Full Name of Submitter(s):

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Ruth A'Court

Name of applicant: **Fulton Hogan Limited****Applications to Environment Canterbury**

All of the applications as listed below OR only those as ticked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192408 | Land use to excavate material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC182409 | Land use to deposit cleanfill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192410 | Discharge contaminants into air |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192411 | Discharge contaminants into water from industrial processes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192412 | Discharge stormwater into land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192413 | Discharge contaminants into land associated with deposition of cleanfill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC192414 | Water permit |

☐ I / We support the application☒ I / We oppose the application☐ I / We are neutral to the application
(neither support or oppose)

I / We do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission*

(Note: this means you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing)

*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing ☐ Yes ☐ No

OR



I / We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

(Note: this means that you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)

Application to Selwyn District Council

☐ RC185627 Land use for gravel extraction and processes

☐ I / We support the application

☒ I / We oppose the application

☐ I / We are neutral to the application
(neither support or oppose)



I / We **do** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission*

(Note: this means you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing)

*If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing ☐ Yes ☐ No

OR



I / We **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

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2. The reasons for making my submission are: *(state in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons)*

Please read attached word document

Please attach additional pages if required

3. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision: *(give details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

Please read attached word document.

We moved to Templeton in 2012 after the earthquakes. Previously we had lived on the east side of Christchurch, and chose this side of town so we could get away from the liquefaction and demolition dust. Templeton appealed to us as it has a village feel, semi - rural with clean air, lovely flat fields and a vista out to the Southern Alps which we can enjoy while walking or driving around the area, in particular the area of the proposed quarry along Jones Road. We enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle, walking in our area, gardening, and spending a lot of time outside reading and having bbq's. Since moving here we have retired, so the majority of our days are spent at home. The proposed quarry close to our residence will compromise our current way of life, it will be detrimental to everything we value about living here (clean air, peace and quiet, road safety, outlook). The land for the proposed quarry would be better suited to a residential development in line with the growth on the other side of the main south road. A quarry will ruin this area for 40 years, there will be no benefits to us having this "business" near our community.

I wish to object to all the Resource Consent Applications from Fulton Hogan for the proposed quarry near Templeton. I make this objection as an affected resident living within 800 meters of the proposed site.

I object on the following grounds:

Transport – traffic – infrastructure

The roads around the proposed quarry do not cater for large trucks and pose an accident risk because they are too narrow. More trucks on these roads will increase these risks to residents trying to go about their business. I want to ask Fulton Hogan to provide a plan on how these trucks will be counted to make sure there are not more daily movements than requested, how they will monitor and enforce the covering and washing of trucks leaving this quarry to minimise dust, and what plan is in place for the roads that can be used when entering or exiting the quarry e.g. none travelling down Jones Road and Railway Terrace. The damage caused to the local roads, as well as the noise factor for people already living here is of real concern. The Templeton Community has been here for many years, it is disappointing to find ourselves in this position, and up to Fulton Hogan to show us proof that they will not cause issues for the residents of Templeton by their business activities.

Water – quality

The proposed 1 metre buffer to ground water is not adequate. Ground water can rise, and if this happens there will be a risk of contamination, the buffer needs to be at least 3 meters from the highest recorded water level. No removal of aggregate or excavating should be done below this line.

Dust – health – nuisance

Dust is a very real and major concern for us as Keith already has lung issues. I would like Fulton Hogan to provide proof of how this dust will be contained within the quarry site? What steps they will be taking 24/7 to make sure this is not a hazard or nuisance to residents? Their management of the Pound Road quarry has not achieved this, as there have been many incidences of thick dust blowing across the roads in the vicinity of the quarry making visibility difficult. Clean air is a reason people want to live out here, if dust is visible in the air then it is not clean, or fit for breathing.

Not only is dust a health hazard, it is also a nuisance, covering windows, outdoor furniture, plants (which don't grow well with a covering of dust), being able to hang washing outside, or wanting to sit outside on a nice summer day. There should be no business activity consented that will stop residents enjoying the use of their own parcel of land. This dust would cause a financial cost to homeowners in the form of more outside cleaning. Windows, guttering, external cladding and having to use a clothes dryer. If the air is not clean potential buyers will not want to live here, so property prices will be impacted as well.

Noise-health effects-vibration

After living in various areas of Christchurch we chose our current location very carefully. We are in a quiet subdivision, with no buses or trucks going past our house. We are concerned about the noise created by quarrying activity, the preparation of the site, construction noise, vibrations and the excavation and processing of the material. We find noise, especially constant ongoing noise stressful. Both of us were working in the CBD when the earthquake struck, my building was opposite the CTV building. Loud noise and ground vibrations cause flashbacks to that time, so attempting to deal with that on a daily basis would mean we are living in a constant state of stress and high alert. We already have Ruapuna and the trains nearby so we understand how noise travels especially on quiet still days, or at night. Any constant noise would not be acceptable to us and again would impact on our quality and enjoyment of life in the property we have worked all our lives to own.

I wish the consent authority to make the following decision.

I ask that the application be refused, however should consent be granted I respectfully request these conditions to be considered:

No quarry truck traffic to be allowed to use Jones Road/Railway Terrace at any time in either direction. Queued traffic is not a reason to allow this condition to be waived. If aggregate needs to be delivered to an address within Templeton this is to be notified to the Body representing Templeton.

Reason: The township is not suited to such heavy and regular traffic as outlined in my submission.

All trucks/trailers to be covered at all time while carrying any load. No truck is to enter or leave the quarry until a cover is fitted and used. All trucks to drive through a wheel wash before leaving the quarry.

Reason: Covers would prevent any discharge of dust into the air. It would also prevent stones from flying out damaging following cars and otherwise causing a hazard.

Dust to be dampened down by a spray/mist fog system around the operating areas of the quarry and any perimeter close to current operations. This is to be operated 24/7 when wind is detected, at any speed. Water cart use not to be the primary form of mitigation.

Reason: Water carts are ineffective for a large scale quarry operation especially in hot and dry conditions throughout summer. Dust can still be swirled up at any time in windy conditions and the wind is not going to be confined to quarry operating hours. Therefore dust is to be kept damp at all times. If the amount of water consented for use at the site is not enough to facilitate this mitigation at all times consent should not be granted.

Strict hours of operation to be applied. No consent for quarry activity of any kind, including truck movements on any weekend or public holiday. If the quarry is consented to operate on a Saturday can this be restricted to 10am – 3pm.

Reason: The residents of Templeton should be entitled to some periods of peace and quiet so they can enjoy the weekends without the stress of noise, traffic and dust. Early hours of operation on a Saturday is completely unacceptable.

Weekday times of operation to be between 7am and 6pm only. No truck movement undertaken before 7am. No night time operations or deliveries.

Reason: Residents have the right to quiet night times. No one should have sleep patterns disrupted. The applicant has not provided evidence of the need to undertake evening/night time deliveries.

Daily truck movements to not exceed 1000 on any weekday in any circumstances.

Reason: The roads in this area are not suitable to such heavy/regular sized traffic. 1000 still equates of 6000 vehicle movements a day over and above that which is already happening.

Sensors must be installed around the quarry boundary as initially mandated by ECAN. Funding for all aspects of the monitoring to be undertaken by Fulton Hogan. The monitors to be supplied, calibrated and maintained by a fully INDEPENDENT source with NO links to either quarry operators, bodies representing quarries or ECAN.

Reason: To ensure the process is transparent with a reduced chance of the policy being compromised. Self monitoring cannot be considered as acceptable as it would be a conflict of interest and could lead to the results being altered.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.