

Scott Bentley & Tracey Gaskell Partnership
354 Maddisons Road, Rolleston

22 November 2019

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Application:

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My wife and I own a 4 hectare lifestyle property at 354 Maddisons Road, Rolleston. We have owned our property since June 2014 and lived at this property since Feb 2018. This is our family home that we share with our two children Harrison aged 12 and Jorja aged 7.

Our property is situated on the north-west side of Maddisons Road, from the land owned by Fulton Hogan known as the Roydon Quarry Site. Boundary to boundary there is a distance of 120m approx. between our properties as shown in the image below.



We are here today for two reasons;

1. To visibly support our submission and say to you, the panel and to the applicant Fulton Hogan, we oppose this application.
2. So we can say to our children, we were active participants in this process and on their behalf, we opposed this application.

Our submission provides a summary of our personal situation, also to the best of our ability it highlights our key concerns and we have reluctantly outlined conditions to be imposed on the applicant should their application be approved.

We are not experts in any of the specialist area's that form part of the application. We are simply home owners who live in close proximity to the proposed quarry site and we believe we will be greatly effected and have serious concerns for the future of the area, should the application be approved.

Two months before we settled into our new home, we learnt that the Roydon property had been sold to Fulton Hogan and that it was Fulton Hogan's intention to establish a new quarry on the property. We have lived with this knowledge while trying to enjoy our newly built home and our property but this hasn't been easy, it was even on our minds on our wedding day...



While Fulton Hogan is entitled to purchase rural land, just like everyone else and is entitled to make such a resource consent application, the effect on us as a family has been stressful, stressful also for our neighbours and other people we know living in the area.

If Fulton Hogan's application is approved and if Tracey and I continue to live in our home (which we plan to do) then for the rest of our life's we will live with the effects of the quarry and knowing the quarry will get closer to our property year on year.

If we knew prior to buying our property, that Fulton Hogan had successfully purchased land in this area, close to us, for the purpose of establishing a quarry. We

wouldn't have purchased the land that we have. We would have continued our search for a rural property in other localities as we value the rural environment.

Since lodging our submission, we have learned Christchurch City Council have earmarked a large rural parcel on Dawsons Road (Maddisons and Jones Roads). This rural land is opposite the proposed quarry site, shown on the same aerial image above. This therefore signals to us, this land is to be developed for the benefit of the whole community.

It is mine and Tracey's firm believe, that should Fulton Hogan's resource consent application be approved, the quarry will only serve the best interests of Fulton Hogan and a limited few and the existence of the quarry will ultimately be detrimental to the long term amenity potential for the surrounding community, which includes us and be detrimental to future generations to come.

As we have been property owners in this area since 2014, we have become more aware and concerned about the increasing number of vehicle accidents in the surrounding area. There have been many accidents along Jones Road and at the corners of Dawsons, Curraghs and Maddisons Road. With some of these accidents being fatal.

Fulton Hogan's resource consent application includes upgrades to some intersections and roads in the immediate area to accommodate the quarry activity. We strongly believe that no matter how good these improvements are, the huge increase of truck movements to and from the quarry over what we believe will be an approximate 50 year life span of the quarry, combined that with the increased vehicle movements of the general public (being most likely families) wanting to make use of the recreational facilities on the Dawsons Road land, previously mentioned proposed by Christchurch City Council, opposite the quarry, will in our view be a recipe for disaster. If the quarry goes ahead, it will be a dangerous environment and a lost opportunity for the whole community to fully enjoy the area.

We have read the changes Fulton Hogan have made to their application highlighted in their letter dated the 3rd of October and we still believe these changes will effects us and haven't eased our concerns regarding noise, dust, vehicle movements, loss of rural outlook in the area and the hours of operation of the quarry. We built a heat efficient house that isn't as acoustically efficient which means noise penetrates the wall lines a lot easier, when we designed our house there was no mention of a quarry in our area with all our research.

Finally, we are not against quarrying per say, we have purchased AP40 material indirectly from Fulton Hogan for our driveway before but on this occasion and with this application, we are against the choice of the location, chosen by the applicant. If the application is approved, then the surrounding residents and community are the ones who have to live with it, next to it, lump and suck on it.

Tracey and I wish to thank you "the panel" for reading our submission, for the opportunity to be heard here today and for taking our concerns and concerns of our children seriously.

Kind Regards,

Scott Bentley

Tracey Bentley