

**BEFORE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY CANTERBURY
REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

UNDER THE

Resource Management Act 1991 ('Act')

IN THE MATTER

of applications by Fulton Hogan Limited for all
resource consents necessary to establish,
operate, maintain and close an aggregate quarry
(Roydon Quarry) between Curraghs, Dawsons,
Maddisons and Jones Roads, Templeton

TABLED AT HEARING

Application:

Date: *3rd Dec 2019*

**SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF GEMMA CONLON FOR
THE TEMPLETON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

PLANNING

Dated: 3 December 2019

Perspective

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EVIDENCE SUMMARY

- 1 I agree with the recommendations of Mr Henderson and Ms Goslin, reporting officers for Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury respectively, to refuse consent for the reasons outlined in their respective reports. However, I acknowledge these opinions may have changed during the hearing process and with the presentation of further evidence.
- 2 I note that a number of the recommendations made in my evidence have been accepted by Mr Bligh on behalf of the Applicant, which has narrowed the number of outstanding issues regarding conditions raised by the Templeton Residents Association ('submitter').
- 3 Expert conferencing was held on 28 November 2019 between the eight planning experts¹ who have filed evidence in this matter. Based on the evidence filed to-date as well as matters raised during the first week of the hearing, the Applicant's witnesses prepared a list of topics as a starting point for discussions.
- 4 The expert conferencing was productive, with several amendments and refinements to the conditions agreed between all planners present. A copy of the amended conditions is appended to the Joint Witness Statement (JWS), which also indicates points of disagreement from the conferencing.
- 5 If the Hearings Panel is minded to grant consent, I consider that those amended conditions would address the matters of concern to the submitter, subject to the further revisions that I summarise in the following paragraphs.

SDC LAND USE CONSENT RC185627

Code of Practice

- 6 I no longer consider it necessary for a detailed condition to be included that requires the development and implementation of a "Cartage Contractors Safety Rules and Guidelines", as this is now covered by the Transportation and Routing Management Plan, and to a lesser degree the Noise, Dust, Cleanfill and Spill Management Plans required by various conditions of consent.

Operational

- 7 The submitter seeks no activities to occur on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays due to residential amenity and cumulative effects. However, if the Hearings Panel is satisfied on the effects to allow quarry activities on these days, I have considered the nature of amendments that I believe would be required to the proposed conditions to ensure that operational effects are adequately addressed.
- 8 For Saturdays, this includes operational hours of 7am to 1pm. For Sundays and Public Holidays, I note there is currently no time limit on activities, allowing for the activities to occur 24 hours if desired. However, I acknowledge that this is not the intention of the applicant, and during conferencing all planners agreed a limit on hours is appropriate. I suggest the same hours for operations on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

¹ Hannah Goslin (Section 42A Officer for Canterbury Regional Council); Andrew Henderson (section 42A Officer for Selwyn District Council); Kevin Bligh and John Kyle (witnesses for Fulton Hogan Ltd); Susan Ruston (witness for Christchurch City Council); Lara Stace (witness for NZ Motor Caravan Assn); Gemma Conlon (witness for Templeton Residents Assn).

Richard Shaw (witness for NZ Transport Agency) and John Kyle have been separately liaising about the conditions relating to traffic safety. As such, Mr Shaw did not participate in this wider conference.

Rehabilitation

- 9 Due to the duration of the activity and the likelihood for some elements of change to the anticipated operational activities, a Quarry Rehabilitation Plan should be prepared for each of the five stages of development, which would be approximately every eight years over the lifetime of the consent. This would require a revision to condition 67 of the conditions appended to the JWS.

ECAN CONSENTS

- 10 The submitter's air quality consultant has attended and contributed to the conferencing on the matters arising under the air discharge consent. Mr Kirkby has provided an overview of his residual concerns in relation to the conditions of those consents, and I have nothing further to add.

Dated 3 December 2019



Gemma Conlon

