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My name is Jennifer Butt and I have lived in Templeton for most of my 71 years. We are 4th generation Templeton school pupils.

I have watched Templeton grow from a quiet small town where people were able to walk and bike safely at leisure to already a traffic logged by-pass to the airport and north.

I have invested heavily in the district having developed and operated a very successful horse breeding and racing establishment on 16 hectares for the past fifty years. I also built a new home ten years ago in Globe Bay Drive which is the last developed street in Templeton and the closest to the proposed quarry. I also built a golf driving range in the district which provided recreation to the surrounding areas.

My main objection to the proposed quarry is the affect the increased traffic is going to have on my horse educating business. If this plan goes ahead, we will not be able to continue to break in and train race horses on our property as I am only 500 metres from the boundary of the quarry. To support this, please see the photograph attached, it shows my training track running adjacent to Curraghs and Maddisons Roads.

Air breaks, traffic volume and speed are a major concern to me with the educating of horses and the safety of our handlers so close to the traffic. I am very concerned regarding Health and Safety issues pertaining to this.

Both my corner fence and my neighbour's fence opposite, have had new fencing erected due to car accidents ending up in our properties. The roads to and from the quarry are simply not fit for purpose. The proposed volume of trucks being used for transporting aggregate from the quarry will drive all other uses off the roads, including pedestrians, walkers, cyclists and horse activity.

Fulton Hogan say in their proposal they have reduced truck movements from 1400 to 800 per day. BUT WHOSE COUNTING, HOW WILL THIS BE POLICED? This is still 800 more truck movements than at the present time.

Water is essential for the day to day running of our farm for obvious reasons. It is proposed that Fulton Hogan will access large volumes of water to keep dust in control, whereas the neighbouring property owners, have restrictions on their supply. WHERE IS THE FAIRNESS IN THIS? You cannot have rules for some and not for others.

Dust is another major concern to me. Not only for the health of animals but for the contamination to our crops. The slightest effect of dust can destroy the grain crops that I grow to supplement my income and feed my horses. Dust can cause Silicosis in horses. It only needs a small particle of dust to reach a horses lungs and they are damaged for life. As I have a number of new born and valuable foals produced on my property, this is a definite concern. My mares are inseminated on-site so everything has to be at the highest standard of hygiene. How is this possible with such high density quarrying so close by?

I have worked extremely hard to operate and maintain my horse business and I am not prepared for Fulton Hogan to ruin fifty years of work plus generations of employment.

Templeton already has two prisons, Ruapuna Raceway an alcoholic centre and a sex offenders unit. Although I do not object to these facilities, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

In summary: I strongly oppose the proposed Fulton Hogan quarry. The significant increase in noise, dust, contamination and road safety issues will quite frankly, put me out of business.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak and hope my concerns have a positive bearing on your decision.

