Good Morning, I'm Paula Odell and I am representing the Odell family. We have been Templeton residents for 10 years and currently live at number 7 Iraklis Close.

We chose Templeton and absolutely love living here because it is a very peaceful community with tranquil open space allowing amazing views of the mountains. Exercise is very important to us as a family and we enjoy our walks/Cycling (during quite traffic times) around the area breathing the fresh air, getting away from the stresses of everyday life. We will lose what we most love about living in Templeton should the proposed quarry goes ahead.

An increase in traffic movements of 1,200 heavy vehicles a day will directly affect us traveling on Main South road towards the city. It is already a nightmare to gain access to Main South road via Kirk road. Constant oncoming traffic makes it very risky and we have long waiting periods to gain access. Unauthorised trucks frequently use this route at present and if this quarry goes ahead it will get even worst. 86 single trucks every hour or 43 truck and trailer units so anywhere from 43 to 86 depending on type of truck.

Last week I was at the intersection of Dawsons/Jones Road. A truck from Toll (with a very large refrigeration container on) was trying to turn right onto Dawsons Road to gain access to the Main South Road, due to oncoming traffic, I waited, and I waited, the Truck waved me through as there wasn't a hope in hell that he was going to get around the corner without taking the front of my vehicle out, the vehicle behind me who was overhanding the railway line also got waved through by this truck driver, the seven vehicles behind the truck would not have been happy, I'm sure. It was only 2:45pm in the afternoon. I'm not sure how a round-about is going to improve this intersection. What happens if an accident happens, where will the trucks go then? If your consent says you must use this route and you don’t and cause another accident what happens then??

The road from Dawsons road to Kirk road is designed for domestic traffic usage not heavy truck and trailer units. The current condition of the road is due to the Izone business park trucks and additional buses from Rolleston. Then you add the railway line into the mix, and it is like putting your life into someone else's hands each time you access these roads. we are extremely concerned by the lack of decision making and commitment by the applicant around the proposed changes at the Jones road intersection. Coming from Templeton heading towards Rolleston we will always be in a give way situation with the trucks leaving the proposed site. Truck movements are not spread evenly over the day. There will be times when long waiting times will be generated for us at the Dawson/Jones roundabout, not to mention trains also.
Another concern we have at the Dawson/Jones roundabout is around safely crossing over Dawsons road, either on foot or by bike. The risk of not being seen by a truck driver is high. As we have seen with the recent death of the young lady who was hit by a truck in Prebbleton. It’s all very well having a cycle way from Templeton to Rolleston but how can you cross this extremely busy roads?

What are the current average traffic movements from Pound and Miners Road quarries, this question has never been answered with a number, only technical words. My understanding is that every truck should have a weight docket given to it on arrival/departure. If you provide us a number, we can understand more how the truck movements compare to this proposed quarry.

The noise associated with the increase in heavy vehicles will have a significant impact on people. More so the people who live closest to the roads. Not only will we have to live with the constant increase in traffic noise, but there will also be the ‘white noise’ generated by the combined quarry activities on site. Enjoying our backyard and socialising with friends will mean hearing a constant background ‘hum’.

Like I have already mentioned in my written submission, ‘operating on Public Holidays is not acceptable. If the applicant wants to come into our community, the least they can do is to give us noise and traffic free days for our own psychological well-being’

At the time of preparing this verbal submission I am still not clear on the number of fixed processing plants the applicant is proposing to have in the ‘pit’. All the acoustic assessments that have been done and noise levels indicated by the experts are based on only one fixed processing plant if my understanding is correct.

The acoustic experts say in their initial application that their understanding of what is typically located in any large gravel quarry’s fixed processing plant is:
- multiple crusher types
- multiple tiers of screens for separation
- an electric conveyor system feeding the plant

They also used the existing Mclean’s Island quarry to verify their data. Surely the more crushers, the more screeners and the more conveyors the more the noise generated? The applicant cannot have a blank canvas to add as many as they please.

The noise and proposed locations of the mobile processing plants will have a negative effect on surrounding residents. I am asking that all applications be declined, but should the quarry go ahead there should not be any mobile processing plants allowed on site. I now have a much better understanding of the noise and use of these plants and having one 250m operating from the site boundary is too close.

Apart from noise, traffic and amenity we are deeply concerned around the impact nuisance dust will have on our lives. As the application is now, the ones worst affected by dust will be those living within a 200m radius. That means any of us walking on Jones Road, Dawsons Road, Curraghs or Madison road will definitely be breathing in more dust than what is in the air at the moment. That will mean giving up on our regular walks on those roads. We know dust is not always visible and can travel long distances. If the applicant can’t guarantee a 100% effective way of stopping any dust from leaving their boundary these applications should be declined.
This application has been built on mitigations. There are huge cracks all through the applications and the mitigations and conditions are the plaster holding it all together.

If one plaster falls off, we know that nothing will be done about it. This might be the plaster preventing dust from having a significant impact. The applicant is saying that there must be strong winds for an hour before they will stop operations. In theory the wind can blow for 55min, stop for a while and pick up again. If this pattern is repeated a few times during a day or over a couple of days, it will be horrible for all of us. Not even to think of the health implications. Having a few plasters would have been alright, I just think that such a high number of mitigations allow room for human error. And we will be the ones paying the price.

Water – we have the best supply, quality and exporter earner in Canterbury – how can a ‘well’ consent be granted when in March 2019 – I was advised by an ECAN staff member at the South Island Field Days that the region was at 132% of it’s consents for permits, - technically this consent shouldn’t be granted. ‘the map that stats where wells are in relation to the quarry isn’t accurate as several wells don’t appear on this map and they will be directly affected if this consent is granted.

As you can see, we haven’t engaged an expert to assist us with this, in our option the residents are the experts here as we live here and know what happens, with winds, noise, traffic, water etc

Who will compensate the farmers/horse trainers for loss of income and stress that is caused from this? Who wants to have a $200K horse trained next to a quarry inhaling all that dust, it defiantly won’t be winning the NZ Cup!! What Grain Company will give these farmers contracts for wheat/barley/oats etc? who wants bread made from grain that is contaminated?

As a family we feel very strongly that we were here first and as such it will be wrong to allow the applicant to come and change our environment and put us at risk should any of the vary mitigations fail.

As residents that are living in our established houses we should have “rights” over what goes on in our community. In 20 years, time next generation (Thomas and his friends) what will happen when people start to get sick from the dust, the water around the Canterbury district is contaminated, people are injured or killed on the road, who will be responsible for this?? Maybe a “Bond” of 10 million is paid and compensation is paid from this?

Quote from “beyond the front gate” sept2019  (see attached)
We remain committed to working with the community and councils to ensure that we don’t impact the lifestyles, health and wellbeing” if this is the case, how can you put a quarry on this site.

I put it to you to consider the above and please don’t approve this application as there are far too many people’s lives that are going to be affected by this quarry going ahead.

IF CONSENT IS GRANTED PLEASE STIPULATE THAT ALL FUTURE APPLICATIONS MUST BE NOTIFIED!!!
Fulton Hogan confident concerns can be addressed

On the recent release of both Selwyn and ECan councils s42a officer reports, Fulton Hogan South Island General Manager Craig Stewart says “I am very confident that any technical concerns raised around traffic, hours of operation and dust can be addressed to the satisfaction of the community and the decision makers.”

Fulton Hogan have been meeting with key submitters on the Roydon Quarry proposal to listen to their concerns and discuss how these concerns are being addressed.

“All throughout this process, we have been very open and transparent about what we are doing and are constantly talking to those making submissions.”

“This week the independent hearing panel members are visiting our existing operations to see some of the measures we already have in place and in use.”

“We remain committed to working with the community and councils to ensure that we don’t impact the lifestyles, health and wellbeing.”

Mr Stewart says they are going over the detail of expert opinions and will be addressing this in their evidence, ongoing conversations and at the consent hearing.

Proposed Roydon Quarry Information

October
14 - Written Briefs of Evidence of Experts “Experts to provide 2 page Summary Statement at beginning of evidence - to be read aloud
14 - Written statements of Submitters / non-experts for filing
21 - Rebuttal Evidence of applicants’ expert witnesses

November
11 - Any Pre-Hearing reports to be filed
11 - Any Joint Witness Statements for each specific topic of expertise to be filed
13 - Legal counsel Opening Submissions
18-22 - HEARING (M-Th: 9-5 / F: 9-4)

December
2-6 - HEARING (M-Th: 9-5 / F: 9-4)
9-13 - HEARING (M-Th: 9-5 / F: 9-4)


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fultonhoganquarries.com

Fulton Hogan has its own quarry website devoted to community engagement; keeping you up to date with our work in and for the community.

We take our responsibility to service the community very seriously the website and newsletters will help inform you regarding matter may have an impact on you. We welcome feedback and concern any time, please leave a message on our site or use the live chat ask your questions.

Stay up to date with anything related to our quarries, including the proposed Roydon Quarry, by going to our website and signing up our monthly newsletter ‘Beyond the Front Gate’.

www.fultonhoganquarries.com
PLEASE
No Quarry In My back yard, thank you

Thomas