

## Cathy Dalton

Hello everyone. My name is Cathy Dalton, I am a Templeton Resident and I would like to say a few words to support my submission. I oppose Fulton Hogans application to build a 170 hectare quarry at the Roydon Lodge site.

I am not a practiced public speaker but have put aside my nervousness to ensure that my concerns over this proposed quarry - *in it's proposed location* - are heard. I'm here to support my community and to be an example to my teenage children. If you believe that something is fundamentally wrong - you have a duty to stand up and speak up. I won't take much of your time but what I do say, will be heart felt.

As flawed as I believe this application is, I am choosing to speak on just one of my concerns today. It's the one I feel most strongly about and the one that will affect myself and my family directly. This concern is the massive amount of truck movements and the associated dangers of having these huge vehicles driving through and around our Village.

Our children have grown up riding their bikes, scooters and walking around Templeton's streets. I myself used the surrounding roads to jog, walk and bike. Sadly, due to the road reconfigurations, Templeton has become a thoroughfare for large truck and trailer units coming and going from the Pound Road Quarry, The Yaldhurst Quarries, Waterloo Park and the inland port at the Rolleston end of Jones Road. Not to mention, South bound motorists wanting to by pass the Southern Motorway road works. Sadly, I no longer walk or bike and I've forbidden my children to do the same. The dangers are simply too great. This has only recently been highlighted by yet another death of a young cyclist at the hands of a quarry truck - Unfortunately when it comes to flesh and blood vrs a 10 tonne truck - right or wrong, there will only ever be one outcome.

There was a hope that on completion of the Southern Motorway, the traffic would become more manageable and we would again be able to enjoy our neighborhood and the amenities it has on offer. Alas, Fulton Hogans plans will put paid to that.

1,200 truck movements - it simply takes my breath away. 1200 - it rolls off the tongue so easily but it's not just a number. Every 1 represents a 10+ tonne truck. 92 trucks every hour, 1.5 every minute, 1 every 40 seconds. Each and every one of them belching dust, and exhaust fumes - creating noise and vibration. Templeton will be surrounded by and bathed in all things quarry. This will be my reality, every day for the rest of my life.

It's not just the sheer number but the fact that they will all be entering and leaving the proposed quarry site at the same point. The Dawsons Road intersection is already a notorious death trap and Fulton Hogans proposed magic round about will only make matters worse. *Map 1* - The close proximity to the rail way line means trucks and cars alike will be forced to queue. This is a public road after all so aside from the quarry trucks, there will be commuters, buses, inland port vehicles and farm vehicles - all wanting to get from A to B in the fastest possible time - all on a road that was never meant for such a large volume of traffic. I believe that instead of queuing to join the Main South Road, drivers wanting to head towards town will choose to drive through Templeton. Fulton Hogan have not yet explained how this will not happen. Once the truck drivers leave the quarry, they will be free agents and go where they please.

A few months back, Kirk Road had a lot of road works due to upgrades at the prison. Detours where in place and guided non residents further down Maddisons Road then on to Dawsons Road. Instead of using these detours, quarry drivers *and other motorists* decided to find a quicker way and entered our subdivision to buy pass the works. *Map 2* - Massive truck and trailer units were driving down Bailey Street, Riwai Street and even Roydon drive. Residents took to placing signs outside their homes, begging

them to slow down. I even spoke to one driver and suggested he use the detours. Needless to say, that suggestion didn't go down well.

My point is, how will Templeton be protected from the onslaught if drivers insist on taking the path of least resistance rather than using common sense.

*Map 3* - At the Templeton end of Kirk Road, a truck over 9 metres is forbidden to cross the railway line. But cross they do. I regularly see truck drivers straddling the line waiting to join the traffic flow on the Main South Road - something that defies belief. Their only other option is to make an S shaped maneuver from Railway Terrace, across Kirk Road and head on to Waterloo Road. The larger of these trucks are on all 3 roads at the same time, obstructing motorists coming from all directions. I have experienced and seen dozens of near misses and even wheels mounting the kerb just metres from homes, shops, the pharmacy, the doctors and children walking home from School. The junction is just not adequate or safe for these trucks to use - yet use them they do. It will only be a matter of time before there is a fatality.

*Map 4 + 4a* - Other junctions of concern are at the end of Pound Road at its junction with Waterloo and Main South Road at Islington. I travel through this junction a couple of times a day and am appalled at how many times I see trucks obstructing the railway line while waiting for the lights to change, or turning off the Main South road and starting their movement when the lights have already changed to red. This has become a common occurrence.

Please note that this is all happening with *existing* truck levels.

*Map 5* - Just yesterday at the Hoskyns/Main South Road railway crossing, a South bound train had to take evasive action as a truck and trailer collided with a railway barrier arm. This means the driver chose to ignore the flashing lights that preceded the arm coming down, putting everyone's life in danger. Imagine if this was the Trans Alpine, packed with tourists. Luckily no one was hurt - this time.

No matter what Fulton Hogan promise on paper, I simply have no faith in their ability or willingness to manage their and their customers truck movements - The residents of Templeton will be the ones to suffer yet again.

To reiterate - I am not against quarrying but am whole heartedly opposed to the location of this proposed quarry.

We have a unique opportunity to learn from our mistakes. Insanity, Mr Einstein says, is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. The residents of Yaldhurst have been suffering for years and quite literally fighting for their lives. We know the heavy toll it has taken on them - financially, physically and mentally. I hope and pray that lessons have been learned and that morality and common sense prevail.

Before I wrap up, I'd like to say a HUGE thank you for the support and guidance of the TRA (Templeton Residents Association).

This is a fight we shouldn't be having - but they have shown strength, tenacity and integrity. The small but incredibly hard working team are an inspiration to us all and we can't thank them enough.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today.

Cathy Dalton

It is quite obvious that Fulton Hogan has not done it's homework when they claim that they need to put their quarry at Dawsons Road "because of it's proximity to the Christchurch Southern Motorway Network" when the nearest entry and exit point to the Motorway would be at Weedons-Ross Road (appro. 4 km south then back up the motorway) and the next nearest is at Shands Road/Marshes Road Interchange (approx. 6 km and crossing four major intersections). There are no other entries to the motorway between those two points.





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Curraghs Road

Jones Road

Manion Road

Main South Road

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Jones Road

Manion Road

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Weedons Ross Road

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Main South Road

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Dawsons Road

Jones Road

Dawsons Road

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Maddisons

Roydon

Bailey

Kirk

Banks Banks

Bicknor

Waterloo

Main South

Riwai

Mahoe

Roydon

Bailey

Bailey

Kirk

Kissel

Dawsons

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Railway Terrace  
Park Road

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Waterloo Road

Main South Road

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Trents

Main South Road





Railway Terrace

Kirk Road

Waterloo Road

Waterloo Road

Main South Road

Main South Road

Main South Road

Trents Road

Main South Road



Pound Road

Waterloo Road

South Road

Islington Reserve







Main South Road

Main South Road

Marlowe Place