

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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Application RC185627 to the Selwyn District Council to establish a quarry operation at 107 Dawsons Road and 220 Jones Road, Templeton.

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENT OF ANDREW HENDERSON
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED QUARRY ON PROPOSED
SAMADHI BUDDHST VIHARA, 358 MADDISONS ROAD.**

16 DECEMBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

1. During questions at the Hearing, Commissioner McGarry asked for my comments on the potential effects of the proposed quarry on the Temple proposed for 358 Maddisons Road. This was on the basis that should the Temple be consented prior to a decision being made in respect of the proposed Roydon Quarry, the Temple would form part of the existing environment and therefore effects of the proposal on it would require consideration.
2. I indicated to Commissioner McGarry that I had previously tuned my mind to this question, in response to an earlier request from Counsel for Selwyn District Council, and I undertook to provide a copy of that advice to the Commissioners.
3. The advice I provided to the Council's legal advisor is copied below:

Noise:

Jeremy Trevathan has advised that:

From our perspective the answer really comes down to what the Temple activity involves. Indoor / outdoor activities? Times of day / night? I guess that is one of the issues with considering effects on an activity which does not yet have a Consent – there is a lack of definition around what 'the activity' actually is.

However as per my evidence I currently considered that location as if it were a residential dwelling. Off the top of my head there are not many (any?) situations where spiritual activities are treated as more noise sensitive than a residential dwelling. When also considering the setback from the quarry boundary (~140 metres compared to the dwelling at 319 Maddisons Rd which is 20 metres....) and setback from Maddisons Road itself (~20 metres compared to the dwelling at 319 Maddisons Rd which is 60 metres) the situation for the Temple is improved from an acoustic perspective, compared to the worst-affected residential dwellings. I also understand that minimal quarry traffic is expected on that portion of Maddisons Road (between Curraghs and Dawsons), as quarry vehicles wishing to travel south via Maddisons Road are unlikely to first travel from the quarry entry east, and then north up Dawsons Road, before turning down Maddisons to the south etc. On the other hand, the existing traffic on Maddisons is already moderate with over 300 heavy vehicles per day. In these circumstances it is unlikely that further definition around is actually involved with the Temple activity would lead to a conclusion that anything further was required to mitigate effects on them.

Traffic:

Andy Carr has advised that:

At this stage we don't have any information regarding the extent or timing of traffic generation of the temple.

However the Samadhi Buddhist trust has a helpful website, and this included programmes of forthcoming events. Assuming that the events listed are typical of what normally occurs, they are held:

- After 6pm weekdays
- Saturday mornings
- After 5pm Saturday
- Sunday mornings

The greatest effects of the quarry occur during the morning and evening weekdays. At this time, the temple would generate little traffic.

Consequently my initial reaction to the questions is:

If the Temple was consented, what effects would the quarry give rise to on the activity?

- *There would likely be increased traffic on the network at the time when people were travelling to the temple. However the temple does not generate large volumes at the most critical times on the network and so it is unlikely that there would be significant adverse road safety or efficiency effects*

Would these issues be able to be addressed by conditions of consent?

- *Probably not needed, but if there was additional certainty, the temple could be required to only host events that start after 6pm on weekdays*

Comments

The most likely potential effects on the Temple if it was consented would likely arise from noise and traffic generation from the quarry. However, based upon the above, it appears that the operation of the quarry would not have a significant impact upon the temple, and that if necessary, additional conditions of consent could be imposed to address issues around hours of operation or greater clarity on transport routes.

4. As I stated at the hearing, it is my view that if the Temple is consented, there will not be significant adverse effects on it arising from the proposed quarry. Maddisons Road will be unlikely to carry large volumes of traffic associated with the quarry, and the noise evidence had identified that there will not be elevated levels of noise at the site. I therefore maintain my view, as expressed at the hearing, that any adverse effects on the Temple will not be significant.
5. I have also had a further update on the processing of the Temple consent following the hearing. I have been advised by the Council that a decision may be unlikely before a decision on the Quarry, as the applicant is having discussions with Christchurch International Airport regarding its status as a sensitive receiver, and this issue may not be resolved for some time. However, should that not be the case, then my view as expressed in this short statement is that the effects of the proposed quarry will not be significant on the Temple.



Andrew Henderson

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