

Submission Opposing Application

RC205104 – Taggart Earthmoving Limited

To Operate a Quarry

Submission:

From W D Coatsworth

I do not wish to be heard at the hearing. However, I make the following submission **in opposition to the application**.

Regardless of what the applicants Assessment of Environmental Effects claims, quarries create noise and dust. There are many residential properties within range of that noise and dust, including my own. It is not acceptable from a social and health perspective to have such an operation at affect the proposed location. Aside from this, the heavy traffic on River Road will also adversely affect those living on or near that road and those using that road.

I understand that the Rangiora emergency water supply comes from the vicinity of the Racecourse. If the Kaiapoi supply fails for whatever reason, can we rely on a supply of good quality water from the emergency source.

I note that the application includes backfilling the excavation after quarrying operations. How will this be transported to the site. Will this add to the number of truck movements proposed. Will the fill material be safe and will it effect the environment if it becomes wind borne or if it enters the water aquifers. How will it be placed and compacted. Will vibration be felt and if so over what period of time; considering the huge volume of material involved.

The secrecy of this proposal and the attempt to avoid public consultation is deplorable. How many of us property owners will have the value of their major asset affected negatively.

I find the proposal unclear. On the one hand the Racecourse operators appear to be supporting the proposal with the inference that it will help them financially to continue racing. On the other hand, the map of the proposed works appears to include the racetrack within the excavation area. If this is correct, the raceway will not be able to continue to operate. What is the true intention?

So is this simply a case of the Raceway operators proposing to sell out to Taggart's and have no further interest in the property. If so, it would seem a better solution for the Raceway to sell out to a developer to build houses on the site.