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To Whom It May Concern.

I oppose the above Resource Consent Application and I wish to make the following a short submission. I have attached an email response which I had previously sent to PDP after the initial public consultation open day at the racecourse, to which I have not had a response.

After now reading the Resource Consent Application and associated documents, I have the following concerns and comments:

1. Regarding noise effects I note that the conclusions by Marshall Day suggest that the noise emissions from the proposed project will be 50 dB Monday to Friday between 0700 and 1900 hours, and Saturday from 0700 and 1500 hours, and 40 dB outside those times.
I note that these noise levels somewhat conveniently fall within or close to the maximum noise standards within the Waimakariri District Plan.

What I would like all parties to this application and Ecan to consider is whether we need **additional** noise at or close to the District Plan limits **at all** in this part of Rangiora. I along with several thousand residents would suggest that we are not happy with this prospect.

2. I would like to refer you to my email attached where I question the real necessity and motives driving a quarrying operation in this part of Rangiora, so close to residential communities. I suggest that if it wasn't of financial benefit to the Racecourse and to Taggart, then this proposed project would not have got off the ground. If I am correct in this assumption then you will be putting the financial benefit for two commercial organisations ahead of the community good in approving the application, which is setting a very dangerous precedent.
3. If this Resource Consent is approved then I believe the District Council and Environment Canterbury, can expect continuing complaints and pressure from the community over the life of the quarrying operation. The objections of the current residents of Rangiora and generations to come, will not go away. I think much greater consideration needs to be given to the residential community of Rangiora than to commercial interests.

Thank you for reading and considering this submission. I don't particularly wish to be heard at any hearing commission. I suspect my views just echo the concerns of any others.

Jim Mc Bryde,

From:
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Subject: Rangiora Racecourse Quarry and Backfill Consents

I have two concerns after visiting the open day on September 23 and wish to outline them below.

Primary Purpose for the Resource Consent Application:

The first display board outlined the primary driver for the application as being the limited remaining resource available to Taggart to continue to quarry shingle for the future of their ongoing business in this sector.

Whilst I can accept that this may be true and would justify new applications for quarrying of shingle, it does not explain why the next such application from Taggart had to be from the Racecourse land, and in such a sensitive area so close to a large residential community.

There must surely be other much less sensitive areas of land in North Canterbury where shingle might be available. Whether or not such areas are available to Taggart is another matter, but as I understand it, other businesses involved in quarrying shingle in Canterbury usually have to acquire the land to carry out such a business.

It may well be relatively easy and convenient, and I suspect relatively less expensive, for Taggart to have come to an agreement with the Racecourse, but I did not see any admission of this. Also any such arrangement must have contemplated the possibility of an adverse reaction from the surrounding community.

I can only conclude that it must be a win/win situation for both the Racecourse and for Taggart, but in my opinion this is going to be at the cost of a reasonable degree of both noise and dust pollution in this part of Rangiora, being at the expense of the local community.

Wind Flow Charts:

I noted that the wind flow charts did not appear to show the effect of a Nor-west wind flow over that part of Rangiora. Such a wind, which although not the prevailing wind, is the strongest wind we experience in North Canterbury and I am sure could affect the perimeter of the noise and dust pollution boundaries much further south and east of the racecourse than displayed on the charts.

I may have missed something here as there was no representative at that board when I visited, so please correct me if I am wrong.

General:

I thought the open day was a good attempt to demonstrate the effects of the proposed quarry operation, but it did suffer from the problem of too many people and not enough representatives. Unfortunately with this type of presentation it is difficult for everyone to get one on one time with the representatives and allow for the information boards to be explained and for all questions to be answered.

I suggest that a seminar format allowing presenters to explain each area of interest to all attendees, and then a controlled question and answer session for the public, would cover many of the same concerns more quickly and efficiently.

Regards,
Jim Mc Bryde.