

Further information request
Email – 2 June 2020

Hello Jenny

I have been engaged by the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) to process an application for land use consent you have lodged with the Council (your ref 5-WT616-00):

Consent No.: RML20041
Applicant: Horizon Trust Management Ltd
Proposal: Variation to condition 17 of RML14076 (heavy traffic movements)

I understand you met with Jessica Sorensen, Planning Manager at STDC on Friday and at that meeting Jessica advised that the Council would be seeking further information in regard to the above application. The information is required to better understand the extent of the application, and the effects of the proposed variation. The further information required is as follows:

1. Annual Extraction Quantities

In the application for the existing resource consent for the operation of the quarry (RML14076) it was stated that the maximum annual rate of extraction would be 20,000m³. Condition 1 of that consent specifies that the activity is carried out in general accordance with the application documentation. As noted in the current application, it is estimated the current annual rate of extraction is 55,000m³ due to demand.

The current application is to vary condition 17 to allow increased heavy traffic movements to meet that demand; however, no reference is made to varying the consent to increase the level of extraction. If the applicant intends to retain the currently consented level of extraction, an increase in the level of daily heavy vehicle movements would consequently require a decrease in the number of days on which heavy movements occurred (ie: more intensive traffic movements but on less days of the year). Can you please clarify whether that is the intent of the current application or whether the applicant wishes to increase the annual rate of extraction - from the consented area - as part of this application. If so, please advise what the rate of extraction would be, and provide an assessment as to the effects of that increase.

It is noted that the current application relates the requested increased traffic movements (in part) to a financial year of 1 July to 30 June as opposed to the calendar year (generally referenced as 'annually'). Is there a reason for this and how would it relate to the annual extraction quantity?

2. Existing and proposed roading environment:

It is stated in the application that the *“vehicle movements proposed in this variation are reflective of the current operation and are expected to accommodate any future changes”*. Further, it is concluded that the effects of the proposed increase in heavy vehicle movements on rural character and amenity would be minor. However, the

application does not include sufficient information to illustrate what the effects of the change from the consented traffic environment in this locality (ie: with heavy traffic from the quarry at consented levels) to that applied for would be.

In the traffic assessment submitted with the application, reference is made to the Average Annual Daily Traffic volumes sourced from the NZTA One Road Network Classification (ORNC) (part 2.5 of the report); however, the date of the information provided and whether it includes quarry traffic (and if so at what level – consented vs actual) is not specified. I note that condition 17 of the existing consent requires the applicant to keep a log of truck movements to and from the site and that other sources of traffic information may be available.

Accordingly, please provide information from clearly documented sources that illustrates the consented traffic environment, the current traffic environment, and the proposed traffic environment. This should include the number of days per annum on which traffic is generated by the quarry operation (and whether this would increase), whether there are peaks in demand and if so whether they are related to certain times of the year/activities, and any other information that illustrates how the environment would change as a result of the proposed variation. An assessment of how this information supports the conclusions reached in the application with regard to the effects on rural character and amenity and residents in the area is also required.

3. Dust

In part 5.3 of the application, it is stated that "Appendix 7 includes detail relating to dust effects and the sprinkler system is explained". As submitted, Appendix 7 only includes two photographs; please provide the explanation referred to in the application as to how dust from increased use would be dealt with.

4. Noise

Has the effect of additional traffic accessing the site been assessed in terms of the requirements of condition 26? Would compliance with this condition be achieved?

The Resource Management Act 1991 includes requirements and timeframes for the provision of this information. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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