

Planning Unit

Notice of Submission on an Application for Resource Consent

Application Reference:

RC 245428

RC 245429

Resource Management Act 1991 - Form 13

Send or deliver your application to: Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

For enquiries phone: (03) 347-2868

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1. Submitter Details

Name of Submitter(s) (state full name(s)): Lou Nunn & Karen Nunn

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2. Application Details

Application Reference Number (if not stated above): RC 245428 and RC 245429

Name of Applicant (state full name): Southern Screenworks LTD

Application Site Address: 50 Bealey Rd, Christchurch 7671

Description of Proposed Activity: Expand Quarry

3. Submission Details

- I / We: ☐ Support all or part of the application
☒ Oppose all or part of the application
☐ Are neutral towards all or part of the application

The specific parts of the application that **my / our** submission relates to are: (give details, continue on a separate sheet)The reasons for **my / our** submission are:

The health and wellbeing of my family.
Safety concerns with the location of Quarry

The decision I / We would like the Council to make is: (give details including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought.)

Reject the application for safety reasons

4. Submission at the Hearing

- ☐ I / We wish to speak in support of my / our submission.
- ☐ I / We do not wish to speak in support of my / our submission.
- ☒ If others make a similar submission I / We will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.
- ☒ Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 I / We request that the Council delegate its functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to one or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the Council. (Please note that if you make such a request you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the commissioner(s). Requests can also be made separately in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions.)

As part of this land is council owned there is a conflict of interest

5. Signature

(Of submitter(s) or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter(s))

Signature:.....

Date: 10-01-2025

Signature:.....

Date:

Note: A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

6. Privacy Information

The personal information requested in the form is being collected by Selwyn District Council so that we can process your application. This information is required by the Resource Management Act 1991. This information will be held by the Council. You may ask to check and correct any of this personal information if you wish. The personal information collected will not be shared with any departments of the Council not involved in processing your application. However under the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 this information may be made available on request to parties within and outside the Council.

7. Important Information

1. The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time for submissions on this application.
2. You must also send a copy of this submission to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable, at the applicant's address for service.
3. All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind about whether you wish to speak at the hearing, please contact the Council by telephone on 347-2868 or by email at planninginfo@selwyn.govt.nz
4. Only those submitters who indicate that they wish to speak at the hearing will be sent a copy of the planning report.

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L & K Nunn: 23 Bealey Rd, Aylesbury

This is the second time we have been approached around new/modified consents for Southern Screenworks. The first was requesting a change in consent from the current clean fill designation to a Class 3 managed fill/contaminated designation. And now this one involving substantial changes to the original consent, including the size of active footprint, hours of operation, stockpile size and longevity of operation and removal of existing safety barriers.

We live in an existing dwelling 35 meters from the current operations boundary and believe this new consent would override the health, enjoyment and financial concerns of existing homeowners like us.

Southern Screenworks previous Assessment completed by (LEI) 4.1 states 'The current consent for Quarrying and Discharge of clean fill material is non-compliant due to inadvertent acceptance of soil with contaminants' etc 'Therefor continuing to operate under the existing consents is not a viable option'

If this is correct then how can Screenworks continue to operate and apply to greatly expand while being non-compliant to current consents at this site, especially where the health and safety of existing neighbours is concerned?

Our home is only 35 meters from the current operations boundary (including the land leased to Screenworks from the Selwyn District Council) land that is now wanted for use as a truck wheel/bed wash facility, haul road and general storage (*see photo below*)

We will be extremely close to these new operations, located across the road on the direct downwind side of the prevailing wind, so are arguably the neighbour most affected by current and future quarry dump consents. October, November and December are months when the prevailing winds are very strong day after day from the Northwest. (*see prevailing strong wind rose below for our area 2011-2015*) We clearly hear vehicle back-up alarms, metal upon metal screeching from track machines, diesel engines revving under load, aggregate and boulders rolling from truck decks, hear crushing machines in action and experience dust inundation within our home. (a lot of this new noise/dust etc comes from the council owned lease land)

We purchased our section at 23 Bealey Rd in 2013 after studying the conditions within the existing Screenworks 2011 consent. We developed our property to overcome the existing challenges the quarry posed at the time with landscaping, fencing, water supply and power. Three years later once some protection from the local elements had been achieved, we commenced building.

We engaged Christchurch based architectural company, Young Architects Ltd to design a residence to take full advantage of the small 300sqm building platform and 1360sqm section. The final design included passive heating/cooling, roof heights/angles and positioning to take full advantage of the Northerly aspect while staying within our strict consent rulings. All plantings and fencing were designed to withstand the extremely harsh Canterbury plains environment and protect us from the then known quarry impacts.

My wife and I were both in our mid 50's at the time, both working and away from our home most working hours, so hours of operation fitted well, we knew the noise, dust and dangers that the small quarry and clean fill operation posed. (the SDC owned parcel of land at that time was totally planted in semi mature pines with no heavy machine activity)

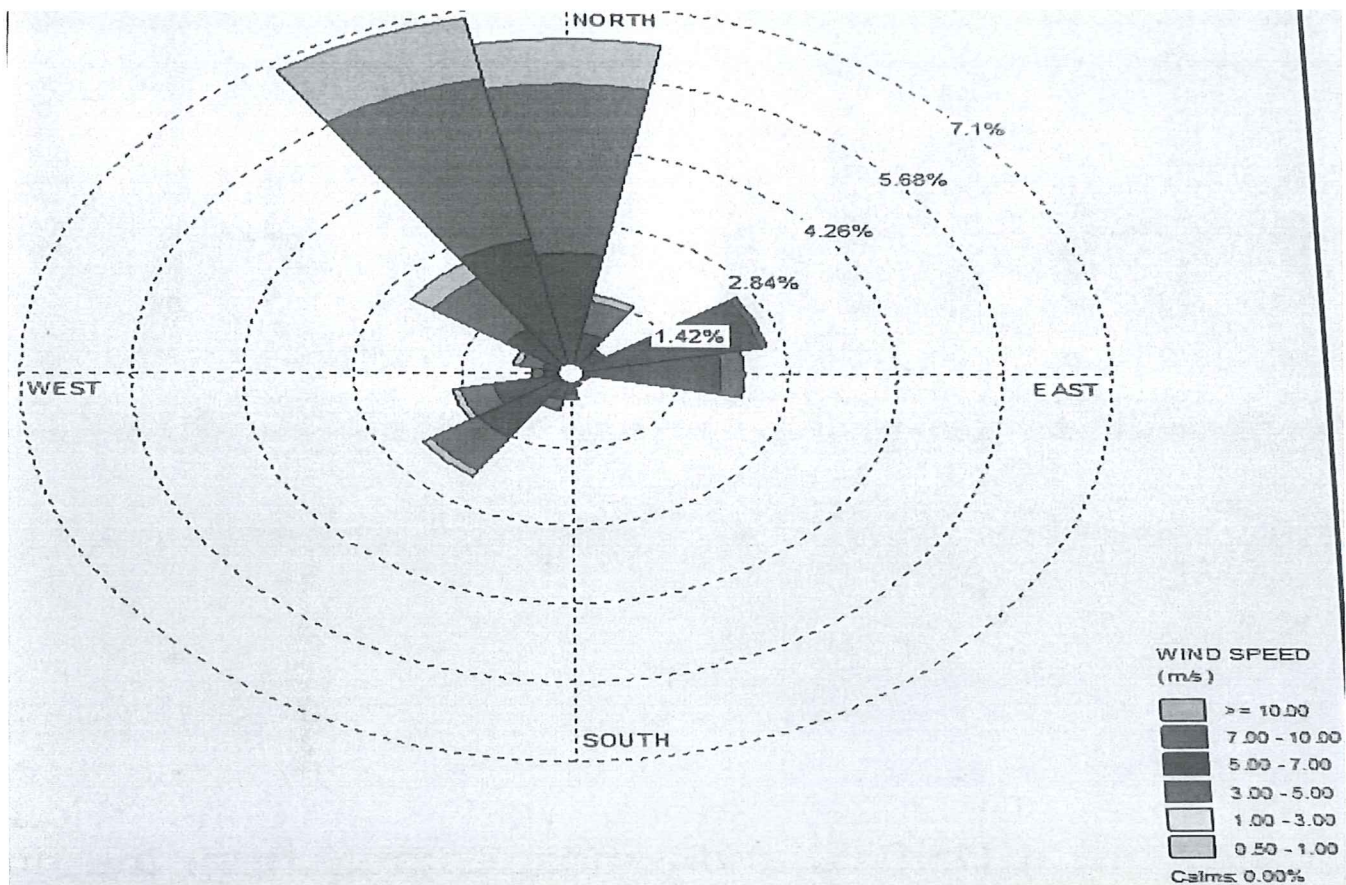
We understood the Screenworks 2011 consent requirements around standard of land rehabilitation, capped amount of shingle per year excavated, hours of operation, amount of metal stockpiled, number of vehicle movements and the maximum area of active quarry likely to produce dust. All this we reasoned we could tolerate until the consented quarry area was exhausted and activity slowed or stopped.

I believe in 2011 the end seemed a long way off to Screenworks, they based their business plan and investments on the 2011 consent conditions, it made sense to them, so they chose to invest, at that time their intention most clearly was to finish once the area was exhausted.

Fast forward 13 years and they have changed their minds, in 2021 wanting to turn the 2011 consented area into a contaminated fill dump, with a heavily increased number of vehicle movements (we are told this application has now been put on hold but is again seen in the fast-track application)

They now want to increase dramatically the size, open active area, hours of work, etc and continue to process for many more days a year and over a longer period. They also seem to want to use the site more as a central storage and processing site with material brought in from other areas, increasing unit movements, dust and crushing within the original site.





Strong Winds >5m/s , 2011-2015 Darfield Wind Rose

Why are we objecting to this application. The existing small quarry doesn't comply with current setback and noise standards (*thus the first consent was needed in 2011*) Screenworks now say it's not possible to be compliant with the 2011 Consent BUT are still seeking major extensions to the quarry footprint and active exposed area, extended hours (**opens earlier every day**), increased stockpiles crushing permitted to be carried out up to 250 days a year (**was only 4 short periods a year**) , this will magnify greatly all issues for existing and any new neighbours for years to come. The surrounding neighbourhood is not as it was 14 years ago and is becoming more populated all the time, the weather patterns are changing and a new much larger 35 year consent extremely close to dwellings could be catastrophic with dryer summers, more fires and stronger winds than in the past. The new area applied for has a railway running its full length which is an extreme fire hazard, as seen by the multiple fires that trains caused in this location in 2024.(dangerously on the up wind side of the property)

The removal of walls, batters, bunds and shelterbelts all create greater problems and extend the time of noncompliance as these man-made barriers can take many years to establish. Much larger stockpiles and hugely increased exposed quarry surfaces will create a dust and contamination problem that cannot always be managed for those living and breathing 24/7 in their homes positioned extremely close to operations. There is a reason these types of operations normally have hundreds of meters of clear space around them, nature can and does remove barriers and protections that humans have installed Eg earthquakes, gale force winds, fires , floods , snow, electrical outages etc.

Distance is the only thing nature can't change so without the consent of close existing dwelling owners this consent change should be rejected.

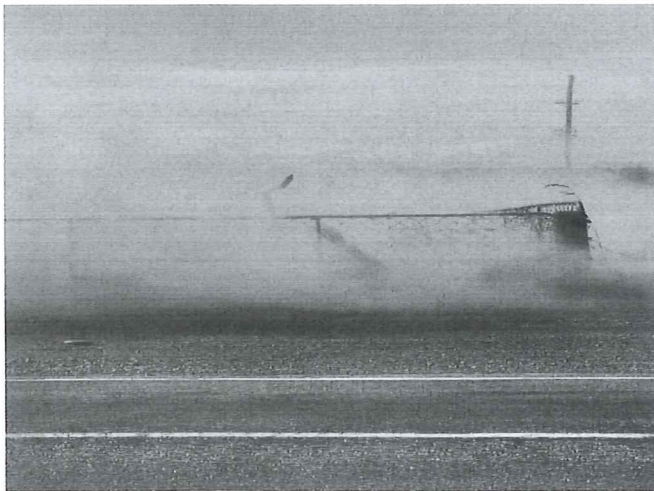
While the proposed quarry face is generally moving further away from our home (*some parts aren't*) the main operational area, crushing, dumping etc will continue on the existing site , meaning the nosiest and dustiest operations stay directly upwind and close to us for many more years than expected.

Screenworks expect one truck and trailer unit every 3-4 minutes to enter or leave the Quarry during the busy period (**100 days a year 5.5 days a week**) , meaning each truck and trailer is likely/could drive

past our place in both directions on the public road, once inside the quarry it again may pass close to our house on the one way system and then again if it requires a wheel and/or deck wash (*where it stops for a period of time*). Meaning for that 100 days a year we would expect to have truck and trailer units very close to our house continually, with engines running, pressure cleaning and hoist activating. All this movement and cleaning creates dust, water droplets, noise etc which carry on the prevailing wind 35+ meters to our house, property, grandkids, car, pets etc. We already experience trucks losing parts of their load onto our berm and the road in front of our house.

As we have seen on this site shelterbelts take years to establish and minutes to burn, blow or be pulled down (*consent alterations*). Examples on this site are.

- during the winds of 2013-14 the 20 yr old forest on the SDC land blew over exposing our property to Screenworks operations. These trees falling also crushed some of Screenworks shelterbelt planting closest to our home.
- The multiple fires along the railway of 2024 burnt for KMs destroying many trees, only missing Screenworks young shelterbelts by meters, this shelterbelt is expected to protect us from dust, contaminants, noise and visual impacts into the future, it's been in for 7+ years and is still not fully established. (*after all these years this shelterbelt still isn't fit for purpose*) and yet some shelterbelts are wanting to be removed and planting starting again.



Photo's of the fires from our place looking 15meters across to Screenworks

Shelterbelts on this site are temporary at best, they take years to establish, and nature can remove them in seconds exposing neighbours to all that they are supposed to be protected from in the original resource consents.

Only distance can truly protect the existing homes from noise, dust, and the dangerous impacts of quarries and Grade 3 managed contamination sites.

As stated earlier Screenworks using Lowe Environmental Impact (LEI) say in their own application that in 2020 they received soil that contained concentrations of contaminants thus operating outside of their current consent, meaning my household already must contend with contaminated dust blowing through our kitchen, lounge and bedrooms in breach of council consent restrictions.

Our daughter and her husband both local doctors are hesitant now to allow our grandchildren to stay at our home because of the real dangers posed by noise, dust and illegal contaminant inhalation.

There is real danger that if this continues or becomes a much bigger issue due to increased size and a total reliance on manmade barriers that the lives of neighbours who don't consent to living with these risks will be adversely affected both financially and health wise.



Quarry dust blowing onto our property during North Westerly winds, Photo taken approx. from our letterbox (25m from our lounge)