

SMOOTH HILL LANDFILL CONSENT

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Good morning my name is Tony Granger my wife Michelle Granger and our four children have lived in The Big Stone Road for approximately 10 years.

I am an electrician and a registered electrical inspector. I have no technical experience at running or planning a tip but I do have observations from the 10 years that we have lived off the grid in Big Stone Road.

I've heard a lot of the submissions relating to fire. I know that you have heard how One of our neighbours two story garage burnt to the ground. We were totally unaware of this fire even though we were at home. the first we heard about it was when our son in Christchurch called us to see if we were alright the next morning. I'm saying this because if the wind is blowing we will not hear a fire coming.

Recently a car in the Otago rally hit a fence post and burst into flames that caused damage to the area. Luckily this happened during the day and that there was a lot of people around. I think it still took two hours to put the fire out. Waihola Rural Fire district attended the fire.

Fires at the tip may not only happen when someone is there it might be after hours in the dark. Our house faces away from the tip we look out over the sea and towards Brighton we won't see that fire coming. What sort of early warning system will the council put in place. Will they cover the full costs of repair, replacement and loss to their neighbours if this terrible unimaginable occurrence happens.

Dust control is an important consideration for the neighbours of this proposed landfill.

We understand that you are to bury the odious and bird attracting waste within 30mins of arrival , immediately would be preferable with about 100mm cover over it. In the summer months if that Cover material is porous, it will soak up that material then becomes dry in the summer months and with the High winds that we have in the area deposit that dust onto our roof's which is primary water gathering system for our potable water. And the dust from the tip site only needs to get onto big stone Road and then it will be helped along to our properties by the vehicles travelling on the unsealed Road. During the summer months we constantly see big plumes of dust that the road delivers to our properties after vehicles have gone over it. I suggest that not only McLaren Gully Road be sealed but Big Stone Road also be sealed the entire length of the proposed site to avoid this from happening.

We live in a rural area and understand that there will be smells I.e. associated with farming but these are always temporary and are usually dealt with pretty quickly. I'm not sure if the council has the resources and the willingness to deal quickly with a complaint as the wheels move pretty slowly. I have rung the council a few times about the condition of the road and they have very

quickly got onto it and dealt with the problem within a couple of weeks. I don't think we could put up with the stink, that rotten material can cause for a couple of weeks while they try to deal with it. Will they be prepared to put us in a motel room or hotel room while they deal with this problem and not make it ours.

There have been a few instances very lately with odours causing the neighbours and even the wider community in Christchurch to complain vigorously about the odours coming from council waste management and sewage systems.

What happens to the vehicles that will only use McLaren Gully Road if that Rd isn't passible. What if it is washed out? We have had a few instances in heavy rain that has made the road awkward to use as in Matt's evidence on Friday. So the only other road to use is Big Stone Road. 50 ton tracks carting rubbish will make that road a dangerous road for residents and other road users.

With the price of diesel going up and everybody trying to make a living the shorter distance from Green Island to Smooth Hill is via Brighton so this new road they are building will cost a contractor a lot more to use than going over the old road. How are you going to stop heavy vehicles using Big Stone Road? I don't think legally you can do it.

Illegal tipping after the closing time may become an issue. That issue could become a fire risk. What normally happens when rubbish is dumped in Big Stone Road is that it stays there for weeks until somebody picks it up. The council doesn't generally move fast in cases like this. You may have seen a few tires that have been dumped on the corner of McLaren Gully and Big Stone Road

In the south we have quite long Summer days. Generally it's Light at 6am and dark at about 10 pm. If the tip opens at eight it's generally two hours of light for the birds to scavenge food and closes at six and if we still have birds flapping around then bird scaring Devices can quite literally go till about 10 o'clock. So much for a good night sleep.

If the expert witnesses for the applicant are correct then we will not have a problem with birds on our roof spoiling our water supply. But if they do what does the applicant propose to do about this introduced problem to the neighbours

Operating hours in Chris Henderson's submissions he states the aim of the council is to reduce rubbish that needs to go to a landfill, and then he says that Smooth Hill needs to be open seven days a week because Green Island is open seven days a week.

My thinking is that Smooth Hill does not need to be open seven days a week because most rubbish is collected Monday to Friday and the rubbish that is collected from customers on Saturday or Sunday at Green Island can be sorted and put into trucks waiting to be tipped Monday morning. So I suggest that they can have the tip open on Saturday from eight till 12 to allow them to get Fill to cover odious wastes and the tipping face for that week to come. But no waste to be dumped on Saturday. There would be no need to have the landfill open seven days a week.

Temporary fencing will need to be able to handle winds of up to 80 km/h this should give it a safety factor of 20 km/h.

I currently repaired my greenhouse out of 4mm plate glass that lasted one night before the winds came and destroyed virtually every panel that I had repaired.

We literally have trees that have been snapped halfway up trees blown over, you will need to put vigorous structures that will handle these winds.

You will have to put well-designed fencing around to prevent wild pigs getting into the face and rooting up the recently covered odious materials then allowing the birds a free breakfast before work starts at approximately seven. Which brings me to the predator free fence that I suggested in the submission this might stop the pigs from entering the site and causing damage

When the day comes, the tip is complete, its had it's new cap on, it's been planted out in forestry and the council realise that there is a big risk that they could be up for quite a bit of money if the tip face fails, and a lot of rubbish is deposited in the open. I'm a bit of a Sceptic and I'd be thinking that the council would be selling that land with the consent to unsuspecting landowners that might not realise they will be up for millions of dollars to rectify the problem. So I do think a bond is a great idea that carries over from one owner to another in case of a catastrophe.

Thank you

Tony and Michelle Granger

