

Your Comment on the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block application

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Thank you for your comments

0329 - Drury Quarry Expansion - application by Stevenson Aggregates Ltd.

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To Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

 1 attachment (730 KB)

2025-09-25_0329 - Quarry Fast Track.pdf;

Alex Mickleson

Thank you for the invitation to comment of this Fast-track application under which the quarry will operate 24/7. If approved as currently outlined - the impact on my property as an immediate neighbour with a common boundary will be substantial – and I request specific and detailed interaction between me and the applicant – with appropriate and due consideration by the expert panel.

I would like to comment that the process – and tight timeframe - for response is not easy or simple for some of my elderly affected neighbours. To access, read, consider, and respond to the reports prepared by specialist consultants over the years has been challenging to say the least – and I am aware that many have not responded as a result.

I've lived on the property for almost 25 years – and negotiated a costly settlement with Stevensons regarding the impact on and future development of my property – which is currently at stake. The adjacent paddock was planted in natives – and recently a new boundary fence fixed along the boundary – however the resident deer and goats still encroach regularly.

I will outline some aspects below that in my view have not been sufficiently addressed and require further investigation. Please note that these are examples only and may not cover every document in the application.

1. Quarry Management Plan

It was agreed when I settled with Stevenson in 2010 that I be involved (or at least consulted) in the QMP – to date I have not been included other than an initial consultation in July 2025 at my request. I would like clarification on how the community will be included in the management process – alongside the monitoring of records – will these be published regularly to keep us informed? How will Auckland Council monitor and administer reporting from FH/Stevenson – or will this only take place if and when a complaint is received?

2. Blast Vibration and Noise Levels

While these are only 'predictions' at this stage – how is accuracy determined – with the application likely to be approved on predictions rather than actual measurements?

3. Air Discharge

A 200m buffer zone has been documented. Please advise how this was determined at 200m – as the topography will influence and determine the measurement of discharge. The bund planned for the N and W of the quarry is insufficient in my view – and will have NO effect on properties to the West. It should be extended towards the West. Are there drawings/cross sections available to demonstrate how

effective it will be? Has the size/height been determined? Will it be landscaped/planted? Has the effect of wind speed and direction been applied?

4. Haul Road

The new 12m wide haul road to the NW is indicated to follow the ridgeline. Is there a section through this road to indicate the impact on the landscape? Are the bunds along it included in this dimension and will they be planted/landscaped? Will the trucks/machinery be visible from the neighbouring properties? Has the impact of these haul vehicles 24 hours a day been included in the MD acoustic report?

5. Acoustics

The MD report appears to be inconsistent and incorrect. I questioned this at the panel hearing back in 2010 – and was advised that landscaping has no impact on acoustics. This is again challenged – and has been proven otherwise. I request a specific report on my property at [REDACTED] that takes into account all aspects mentioned above – noting again that my boundary is common with FH/Stevensons – and the proposed quarry edge is closest to my house than any other residential neighbour.

I have attached the completed document as requested – and look forward to further collaboration during this process.

Thank you.

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