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Council grants consent to Fonterra

The Southland District Council has granted Fonterra land use consent for its \$212 million expansion of its Edendale plant.

Council's resource management committee agreed to give Fonterra permission to build a 70m boiler stack, a 31m boiler building and a 60m milk drier building, all of which exceed the maximum permitted heights in the District Plan.

However, the committee also placed 16 conditions on the consent. They include:

- 1/ Noise levels do not exceed 50 dBA between 7am and 10pm and do not exceed 45dBA at all other times.
- 2/ A Noise Management Plan of the total Edendale site is submitted to Council by 30 November 2008 and then by 1 August each year.
- 3/ The heights of the three buildings do not exceed the heights in the application.
- 4/ The sites of the three buildings are as per the site plan in the application.
- 5/ Fonterra is required to pay to Council a financial contribution of 0.20 percent of the value of the development within six months.
- 6/ All necessary consents from Environment Southland are obtained before the buildings are commissioned.

Council resource management manager Bruce Halligan said the committee considered the expansion would have a positive effect on Southland, particularly in economic terms. It also agreed with Fonterra evidence that the environment effects of the expansion would not significantly adversely affect the area.

“The committee takes very seriously the issue of noise management and submitters to this application highlighted issues around noise from the plant.

“The committee was heartened by Fonterra's assurances it will comply with the conditions and the company's willingness to provide a noise management plan,” Mr Halligan said.

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