

3. *A complete written “Assessment of Environmental Effects” document for the proposal which outlines:*

- the quantity and type of material proposed to be extracted from the site
- the type and number of machines proposed to be utilised for the extraction and reinstatement
- the proposed hours of operation of the quarrying activity
- the depth of excavation which is proposed
- the number of vehicle movements per day which is anticipated
- the intended use of the quarrying material
- the standard of formation of the existing vehicle accesses
- the duration of the proposed quarrying activity
- the level of noise which is expected to be generated from the quarrying activity, what the adverse effects of this are anticipated to be, and what steps will be taken to minimise noise
- information on consultation undertaken with affected parties
- alternatives which have been considered, other than undertaking the quarrying
- the proposed method of reinstatement of the extraction site once the quarrying activity has concluded.

Either yourself or your Resource Management consultant (if you choose to employ one) should ensure that ALL THE ABOVE MATTERS are covered in the application; otherwise the processing of the application must be delayed until you produce additional information.

4. A cheque for \$598.00 which is the deposit for processing a non-notified application, or \$5,000.00 which is the deposit for processing a notified application. The Council's Resource Planning staff will be able to explain whether the application will be dealt with as a non-notified or a notified application.

*(Please note that additional charges, representing the actual costs of processing the application, may be imposed depending on the amount of time involved in the processing of the application)*



***If you have any queries in relation to the above matters, please contact the staff of the Council's Resource Planning Section on  
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# Resource Planning Department



**RESOURCE CONSENT  
for Gravel or Rock Extraction**

## *Resource Consents for gravel or rock extraction:*

In recent times, the Southland District Council has received a large number of applications for resource consent for gravel and rock extraction on land within the District.

The purpose of this handout is to endeavour to simplify the process of obtaining these consents from Council for applicants, by specifying information which is required to accompany the application before it can be processed by the Council's Resource Planning staff.

If necessary information is supplied with the application when it is lodged, then this will minimise delays and costs to applicants for consents.

If all the necessary information is not supplied, then the Council's Resource Planning staff will have to place the application on hold while additional information is requested from you (as is provided for under Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991).

### *Do I need Resource Consent?*

**This is a commonly asked question. The answer is as follows:**

1. The Southland District Plan (Rule PRA.4(i) - Permitted Activities) permits the extraction of up to 1,000 cubic metres per annum up to a maximum of 3,000 cubic metres in total from a rural property, without requiring a resource consent. The purpose of this provision is to enable small-scale extraction to proceed (eg farmers getting small quantities of rock or gravel from a pit on their property for use in gateways). Hence, if your proposed extraction is located in the Rural Resource Area and does not exceed these volumes, then a resource consent is NOT required.
2. If the proposed extraction is to exceed the volumes above, then a resource consent IS required from Council under Rule PRA.4 (iii) of the Southland District Plan.

### *Why is a Resource Consent required?*

Again, this is a commonly asked question. The reason for requiring resource consent for larger scale gravel or rock extraction is that this activity can have significant adverse effects on the environment.

#### **EXAMPLES OF SUCH EFFECTS ARE:**

- noise for neighbours
- dust affecting water quality for neighbours who catch rain water off their roofs
- adverse visual effects- ie large holes in the ground which have not been reinstated
- adverse effects on watercourses or groundwater

### *What is the relationship between Southland District Council and Environment Southland for these activities?*

Southland District Council processes resource consents for gravel and rock extraction on land within the District.

The Southland Regional Council processes resource consents for gravel and rock extraction from the beds of rivers and streams.

Please note that when the Southland District Council is processing a resource consent for gravel extraction on land, it will normally require the applicant to consult Environment Southland to ensure that the activity will not adversely affect any watercourses or groundwater.

### *Who will I need to consult as part of this process?*

Normally, as part of this process you will be required to consult all adjoining property owners and occupiers, plus local iwi, Environment Southland and also possibly Fish and Game Southland and the Department of Conservation if you are close to a river or an area which DOC administers.

The Council's Resource Planning Section staff will be able to confirm who it is that you need to consult.

### *What conditions are usually imposed on Resource Consents for gravel or rock extraction by council?*

If resource consent is granted for the rock extraction, there will almost certainly be conditions attached. Usually, conditions will be imposed which deal with the following:

- a maximum amount of material which is permitted to be extracted
- a specified location for the pit itself and any associated stockpile area
- maximum noise levels for quarrying activities
- a limitation on the hours of operation of the quarrying activity
- safe location and formation of vehicle accessways
- reinstatement of the property to minimise visual effect
- monitoring of conditions of the consent by Council staff to ensure compliance
- a review condition to allow the Council to revisit the conditions of the consent if conditions prove to be inappropriate after the consent holder has commenced operating
- a time limit on the duration of the consent

### **CHECKLIST FOR LODGING APPLICATIONS:**

#### *The following information should be included in all applications for resource consent for gravel or rock extraction:*

1. The Council's "Application for Resource Consent" form, with all blank spaces on the form completed by you (forms can be obtained from the Council's Resource Planning Section).
2. A detailed site plan which shows the position of the quarry area in relation to site boundaries (ie distance from boundaries in metres), and in relation to any other buildings (particularly dwellings) on the site or neighbouring sites. The position of any watercourses on the site, any proposed stockpiling areas, and the vehicular access to and from the site should also be clearly illustrated on this plan.