

## Objections to the opening of the lime quarry in Southwell

As a precursor to my objections I would like to give a few facts as I saw them:

1. On 29 November 2013 my son Colin received a phone call in my presence from Denzil Janse van Vuuren, this was obviously I threatening call as I could hear Denzil's voice which Colin reacted to by saying that you are trying to 'bully me', I could not hear the conversation on Denzil's side but there was no doubt in my mind that it was aggressive.
2. In March 2013 I was asked by Colin if I would attend a meeting at Woodlands, this I did. The meeting was attended by Denzil, Joe, Colin, James and myself. Lyn joined the meeting after a short period of time. At the meeting Denzil's opening words were "Colin I want to apologise for my telephone call to you". This he repeated more than once.
3. Colin made it clear at the meeting that the proposed mine as per the map where the areas were demarcated was unacceptable to him and he did not want any mining on his property. Denzil and Joe then left to do an inspection on Peters property and to meet Peter.
4. At this stage I thought that consensus had been reached – obviously not in Denzil's mind.

## Objections to mining application in Southwell area

1. The areas demarcated for mining are on a dairy farm where pastures have been planted and developed for milk production, as this is high potential farm land which would be ruined if mining were to be commenced.
2. The local inhabitants' children walk to school and would be exposed to the dust of the mine as well as to the dust of heavy vehicles transporting the lime.
3. This dust would be detrimental to the health of humans and animals alike.
4. There are many graves in the area which would be destroyed; these are ancestral graves going back many generations.
5. There is an area demarcated which belongs to the Anglican Church which also has ancestral graves, the area was donated to the church in the 1800's.
6. This area is Southwell, where the Anglican church, the mission buildings, the old school building, the modern school building, the two recreational halls, the tennis courts and cricket field will all be badly compromised by mining. The above areas were once donated by the owner of the farm in the early 1800's, so there is an enormous amount of history attached.
7. The flora and fauna would be seriously jeopardised as well as being destroyed, there are Bushbuck, Oribi, Duiker, Greysbuck living on the farm as well as many bird and plant species.

To summarize – this is a project that must be STOPPED before it ruins a food producing and habituated area.

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