

Public say on Barrytown mine bid

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The public will get a say on a proposed open-cast mineral sands mine on farmland at Barrytown.

After being denied resource consent last year due to insufficient supporting information, the miner TiGa has reapplied, with specialist reports galore and a raft of mitigation offered in its latest application, including mining in

strips, constructing noise bunds and reduced operating hours.

It also asked for the application to be publicly notified, unlike last time, when the proposed mine went out for limited notification.

“The consents will be publicly notified. We are just awaiting the peer reviews to be completed before notifying,” council acting consents and compliance manager Rachel Clark said today.

The application for TiGa says it recognises “the significant community interest in the proposal”.

The proposal would see at least 50 truck movements a day from the proposed site on the Coast Road.

TiGa says it has already undertaken consultation with some neighbours and other parties, including a letter to immediate neighbours, and a

meeting at the Barrytown Hall.

It had also consulted with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae, NZTA, Department of Conservation, the West Coast Penguin Trust, and community representatives.

“Consultation and engagement is ongoing and the applicant is committed to establishing an ongoing dialogue with interested parties throughout the application process, as appropriate.”