

WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES Monday 11 September 2023

Present:

- Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
- Bernie Richardson – Airways NZ (via TEAMS)
- Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ (via TEAMS)
- Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)
- Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)
- Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative
- Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative
- Lindsay Hannah – WCC (via TEAMS)
- Robin Boldarin – Eastern Resident representative
- Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative
- Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident representative
- Nick Petkov – WIAL General Manager Infrastructure and Development
- Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager
- Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer
- James Dobson – WIAL Environmental Compliance Planner

Apologies:

- Tim Bradding - Airways NZ
- Cath O'Brien – BARNZ
- Jenna Raeburn – WIAL Corporate Affairs General Manager
- Phil Rennie – WIAL External Relations Manager
- Edward Dyer – WCC
- Craig Redpath – Lifeflight Trust

1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:33pm.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (June 2023) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Robin Boldarin

Seconded: Jason Colton

ANMC ACTIONS UPDATE:

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12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	To ask for December meeting
13/03/2023	Patrick to Invite Hugh Pierce (Air NZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures	PW	Unable to contact Hugh Pierce. Will try to organise another person to do this. December meeting.
13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing
12/06/2023	Hillock removal construction noise management plan and an update on communication with community to be emailed to ANMC when finalised.	JL	Complete Email sent to ANMC on 17/08/2023

3 Seawall Renewal Project (refer WIAL website: [Renewing our sea defences \(wellingtonairport.co.nz\)](https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/renewing-our-sea-defences))

3.1 Nick Petkov provided a summary of the early stages of planning for the Seawall Renewal Project.

- Noted that engineering advice and peer review has confirmed the seawalls (southern seawall, breakwater and western seawall) are reaching the end of their lifespans and require renewal.
- The upgrade and/or renewal of each structure has been narrowed down to a few options. WIAL are now consulting with airlines, local councils, mana whenua and community groups to assist in making final decisions on these options to take forward for consenting. WIAL are hosting two public meetings:
 - 6 - 7pm Wednesday 20th September: Spruce Goose Café
 - 6-7pm Wednesday 27th September: Miramar Golf Club
- Resident Rep (West) asked if the renewal project will have an impact on surfers. Nick explained that at this stage there will be further research into this impact and there will be continued communication with the surfing community.
- Resident Rep (East) asked if the WIAL purchased area of the Miramar Golf Course would be used for construction laydown. Nick explained that part of that land will be used to assist with the renewal, but its use will depend on the chosen option. Jo L added that the use of this land for such activities will likely be covered under requirements of the future resource consent instead of the designation.
- LD asked if it is too soon to know if the overlaying option of the southern seawall will involve night work. Nick explained that future construction will have input from experts on how it will minimise aircraft impact/ noise impact/ overall social impact. In general, avoiding nightworks will be difficult. There will be a project specific construction noise management plan.

4 DMAPS update

4.1 Jo L provided the following update on DMAPS:

- Received 33 complaints/enquiries during the period 1 June – 31 August. 24 of those were new complainants. In total there have been 111 complainants and a total of 175 complaints (includes recurring complainants) since DMAPS implemented.
- WIAL/Airways have agreed with the community group Plane Sense to install four temporary noise monitors in the suburbs of Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Johnsonville and Ngaio. Three out of the four have been installed and are operating (Johnsonville, Broadmeadows and Khandallah), with Ngaio to come shortly. The monitors can be viewed on WebTrak. Monitoring will run over 3 months. Airways and WIAL will share data with the community group *Plane Sense* and will consider what it shows with an open mind. This monitoring data will also be shared with the ANMC.

5 Noise Management Plan

5.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- 9 complaints from the eastern ward:
 - 4 of these related to aircraft noise within curfew:
 - Diverted flights (on 10/06/2023)
 - APU noise and taxiing of aircraft prior to 6am
 - 2 complaints regarding medical flights
 - 1 complaint was from a new resident to Miramar who believed that they would not hear planes because house outside ANB.
 - 1 related to a high-powered engine run (compliant)
 - 1 related to an Aeroclub aircraft that flew over Roseneath as requested by Air Traffic Control to await an A320 to depart.
 - 1 related to helicopter hovering prior to the semi-final of FIFA world cup (Mt Vic)
 - 1 person enquired twice about curfew hours – thought we had changed it from 7am start to 6am start
- 11 complaints from the northern suburbs and related to DMAPS but were flight specific or medical flights during curfew.

5.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/no comments

5.3 Noise Monitor Issues

Offline Air Noise Monitoring Terminals

All three of the Noise Monitors faulted from approximately 28 July until 22 August 2023. Envirosuite managed to retrieve most of the data from the NMT's. With respect to the Maupuia Monitor (NMT 2), there is a 9-day data gap (between 29/07/23 and 06/08; and for the Kekerenga Monitor (NMT 3), there is a 7-day data gap between 31/07/2023 (from 9am) and 06/08/2023. Jo L summarised the timeline of events outlined in memo sent to ANMC on 06/09/23) noting that Ldn for the period is therefore averaged over the number of available days data.

- Resident Rep (West) asked if the days with the missing data will impact on the Annual Noise Contour. Jo L explained that the Annual Noise Contour is based on the busiest consecutive 90

days of air traffic for the year (which is usually December through to February) and would therefore not impact it.

6 System Reports:

6.1 Ldn Graph

Nothing to report/No comments.

6.2 NMT Operational Analysis

Nothing to report/No comments.

7 Quieter Homes Update

- Programme is progressing well. The remainder of 2023 is fully booked of houses scheduled to receive treatment. WIAL is currently contacting homeowners to arrange installation dates for 2024. Area 5 will be offered in October this year.
- WIAL have been contacted by owner of a property that is within the 75 dB Ldn contour asking if eligible for the Quieter Homes Acoustic Mitigation programme. Properties within this contour are not eligible, and this property owner has been told twice that they are not eligible for this acoustic treatment programme (only the Fair Purchase Programme). Jo L noted that there are still 10 properties that are privately owned within this 75db Ldn category which are not eligible for acoustic treatment however have been offered the Fair Purchase programme should they wish to sell (as per LUMIN Study).

8 General Business

8.1 Hillock Removal

- Jo L gave an update on behalf of the SMF Construction team on the Hillock Removal, noting that the expected timeframe for the bulk earthworks completion will be at the end of November (provided there are no disruptions (i.e., weather)). It was originally scheduled in to be complete by March 2024.
- Resident Rep (East) asked if the change in topography will affect the proposed new noise boundaries. Jo L explained that the noise contour modelling specifically excluded some terrain features associated with future airport development, including the hillock, and therefore does not affect the proposed contours/boundaries.
- Resident Rep (West) spoke about the altered truck routes, noticing that trucks now proceed along Coutts and Salek Streets and then along Evans Bay northwards. Expressed concern about safety given that the new route passes new cycle way works and Rongotai College. Jo L explained that there have been a number of issues associated with the originally chosen Onepu Road route and the narrowness of Mt Vic Tunnel. Noted that the SMF construction team were in consultation with the relevant WCC officers with respect to this. Resident Rep (West) asked that they at least notify residents along this route of timeframes etc.

8.2 *District Plan Hearings update – noise boundaries* (LD left meeting due to potential conflict as a commissioner on these hearings).

- On 7th August WIAL spoke at the District Wide Matters hearing (in relation to noise and other matters) on the WCC Proposed District Plan. The hearing was concentrated on the proposed provisions relating to the new Air Noise Boundary and Outer Noise Boundary and acoustic mitigation treatments.
- There is to be expert conferencing on the ventilation and insulation requirements within the proposed boundaries. Jo L noted that there were differences in opinion between different parties as to what the provisions should be within these boundaries as they relate to urban development.
- Jo further clarified that decisions on the Intensified Planning Instrument provisions (which these provisions form a part of) were originally meant to be released by 20 November 2023, however Council has applied for (and received) an extension with a revised decision deadline for 20 March 2024.

9 The meeting closed at 6:44pm. The next meeting is **11 December 2023**

Meeting Schedule 2023:

Monday 11 December

Meeting Schedule 2024

Monday 11 March

Monday 10 June

Monday 9 September

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13/03/2023	DMAPs Update (incl. any monitoring data)	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing
11/09/2023	Follow up with SMF Joint Venture on a potential leaflet drop to advise residents along Coutts Street/Salek Street of the new truck route associated with the Hillock Removal.	JD	As soon as possible.