

WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES Monday 11 December 2023

Present:

Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)
Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ
Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)
Craig Redpath – Lifeflight Trust
Edward Dyer – WCC (via TEAMS)
Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative
Robin Boldarin – Eastern Resident representative
Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident representative

Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager
Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer
James Dobson – WIAL Environmental Compliance Planner
Jenna Raeburn – WIAL Corporate Affairs General Manager (via TEAMS)

Apologies:

Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative
Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative
Lindsay Hannah – WCC

1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:31 pm.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

Moved: Jeff Weir

Seconded: Robin Boldarin

ANMC Actions Update:

Date Action generated	Action	By whom	Due
12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	To ask for March 2024 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	Will try to organise another person to do this. March 2024 meeting.
13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing

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11/09/2023	Follow up with Russell Obee (MCDC) on a leaflet drop to advise residents along Coutts Street of the new truck route associated with the Hillock Removal.	JD	Complete Letter sent out on 01/09/2023

3 DMAPS update

3.1 Jenna R provided the following update on DMAPS:

- Four temporary noise monitors were installed (Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Johnsonville and Ngaio), and a preliminary monitoring report was received by Marshall Day (included in papers sent out to committee). This shows that noise levels are generally within 1-2db of the modelling undertaken prior to approval of DMAPS. It also confirmed that Qantas departures are notably louder than other departing flights and provides a breakdown for the hour of 6-7am.
 - The final nose monitoring report by Marshall Day is due prior to Christmas. Once received WIAL and Airways will consider any next steps.
 - Resident representative noted that the comparison of noise levels from flights with buses/trucks is useful. Asked whether Airport and Airways response in this matter will set a precedent given that noise levels do not appear breached. Jenna emphasised that it is not a question whether noise limits are breached but more an analysis to compare pre-DMAPS noise levels to current ones. Looking at the difference residents have experienced.
 - Resident representative asked at what trigger point would a change be made? Jenna noted that any consideration of the next steps would be dependent on the final noise monitoring report, but further explained that there is no option for a flight path that doesn't go over other people's homes.
 - Eric M adds later in the meeting that there is a different noise level of 10db between Chapter 3 and 4 aircraft. Chapter 3 aircraft are generally older than the latter and may be why they generate louder noise.

4. Noise Management Plan

4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- 2 complaints from Eastern Ward:
 - 1 complaint relating to a flight landing during curfew (this was a disrupted flight).
 - 1 complaint from a resident in Bunker Way about a banging noise from the drop off area which was located and fixed the following night.
- 4 complaints from further afield
 - 1 complaint from Newlands relating to a flight landing during curfew (this was a disrupted flight)
 - 1 complaint from Karori noticing more overflights – explained DMAPS, but should not have necessarily affected Karori
 - 1 complaint from Wainuiomata about general aircraft noise

- 1 complaint from Lower Hutt about a flight circling Hutt Valley between 8:30 and 10:30pm.
This was a night flight training undertaken by Wellington Aeroclub who apologised.

4.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/No comments.

5. System Reports:

5.1 Ldn Graph

Nothing to report/No comments.

5.2 NMT Operational Analysis

Nothing to report/No comments.

6. Airport Noise Stakeholder Communications Plan

Jo L outlined that Section 8.3 of the Airport Noise Management Plan requires the Airport to prepare a Noise related Stakeholder Communications Plan for the next 12-month period (in accordance with Airports Main Site Area designation). This was included in the papers sent to the committee prior to meeting. Jo noted that much of it includes what we do already but also outlines what we are planning to do. The committee did not have any comments on the plan at meeting, but Jo invited committee to send through any comments prior to the next meeting.

7. Land Based Noise Monitoring Report

Section 6.4 of the Airport Noise Management Plan requires land-based noise monitoring to be undertaken by Airport and presented the Committee no later than the current meeting. Jo L explained that land-based noise monitoring was undertaken during the first week of December. The monitoring report was sent to committee members prior to the meeting. The conclusion of the report was that the Airport's land-based noise is compliant based on observations and sound level recording undertaken (noise was dominated by either aircraft operations or non-airport noises). The report recommends another round of monitoring should be undertaken at night (i.e. during a period post 10pm but before curfew). The Airport will organise for this in the new year and if Council is happy with the approach, present its findings at the next meeting.

8. Quieter Homes Update

8.1 WIAL are currently progressing well through Area 4 and looking to have this completed by the end of 2024.

8.2 Applications went out to Area 5 in October, and the Airport have already received 43 applications of which site inspections have commenced.

8.3 The Airports Quieter Homes Manager also received a late application from a property in Area 2.

9 General Business

9.1 Sea Wall Public Meetings

- Resident rep asked about how the public meetings on the seawalls progressed. Jo noted that the main attendees were board riders/surfer groups. The approach that WIAL is likely to take is to apply for resource consent to renew the southern seawall first before looking at options for the western wall and breakwater. WIAL have requested proposals from the various experts (including noise) to start preparing the consent application and engineers will be carrying out further design work. Still awaiting for mana whenua feedback.
- More consultation will be carried out next year prior to lodging consent (aiming for July/August 2024).

9.2 Development of the new AFS building (234 – 252 Coutts Street)

- Piling is underway which will generate some noise and vibration. WIAL are constantly communicating with the neighbours about this.

10 The meeting closed at 6:13pm. **The next meeting is 11 March 2024**

Meeting Schedule 2024

Monday 11 March

Monday 10 June

Monday 9 September

Monday 9 December

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13/03/2023	DMAPS Update (incl. any monitoring data)	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing
11/12/2023	Results from the final DMAPS monitoring report and any outcomes to be presented in the next meeting	WIAL	March meeting
11/12/2023	Resident reps invited to comment on the 12 Month Airport Noise Stakeholder Communications Plan in the next meeting	Resident Reps	March meeting
11/12/2023	WCC to review land-based monitoring report and decide whether happy with recommendation to proceed with night time land based monitoring.	WCC	February (enough time for WIAL to undertake monitoring prior to March meeting)