

WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES Monday 10 June 2024

Present:

Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)
Lindsay Hannah – Wellington City Council (via TEAMS)
Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust
Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative
Robin Boldarin – Eastern Resident representative
Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative
Jason Colton – 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

Absent/Apologies:

Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)
Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ (via TEAMS)

1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:32pm.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (March 2024) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Robin Boldarin

Seconded: Helen Salisbury

ANMC Actions Update:

Date Action generated	Action	By whom	Update
12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings once committee emails any particular concerns/ issues that they would like the Aeroclub rep to talk to if they come.	JL	No email received and therefore did not invite Aeroclub to join. Action complete.
13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (Air NZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures. Again, if unable to attend, can forward any questions from the committee to the representative.	PW	Will try to organise another person to do this September 2024 meeting.

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13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing – refer para 3 below
11/03/2024	Outcomes of the DMAPS meeting with Plane Sense and Airways to be presented	WIAL	Refer update in para 3 below. Action complete.
11/03/2024	WCC to review Land based Noise Monitoring report and confirm undertaken in accordance with approved methodology, and whether more required	WCC	WCC supported recommendations by T&T. Review sent to ANMC on 21/03/2024 (with draft minutes of March meeting). Action complete,

3 DMAPS update

3.1 Jo L provided the following update on DMAPS:

- In April WIAL announced that it will hold public consultation this year over potential alternative flight path options for northerly jet departures from Wellington Airport. This follows changes made in December 2022 as a result of DMAPs being introduced by Airways.
- The three options to be consulted on are:
 - 1) Changing the northerly route for jet departures before 7am to fly over less populated areas.
 - 2) Reverting to the northerly route for jet departures used prior to December 2022.
 - 3) Maintaining the status quo.
- WIAL will lead the consultation with technical support from Airways and this is likely to begin in July.
- WIAL are preparing a communications plan to encourage feedback from all stakeholders affected, including airlines, Airways, and residents of all potentially affected suburbs. This will include a mailout to all potentially affected suburbs, advertising in local and social media, and direct contact with resident groups.
- The consultation will be clear that each option has different benefits and drawbacks, and that it is unavoidable that aircraft will fly over residential areas under each option.
- WIAL approaching this consultation with a genuine open mind and will run a thorough and fair process to allow everyone to have their say before making a final recommendation to Airways.

3.2 Resident rep asked who makes the final decision. Jo L confirmed that WIAL will make a recommendation to Airways and further information on this will be provided in the September meeting.

3.3 Resident rep asked whether there is opportunity to invite a resident representative from the northern suburbs to the ANMC meetings. Jo L explained that ANMC meetings address matters that relate to noise within the air noise boundary (under the WCC District Plan).

4. Noise Management Plan

4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- 2 complaints from Miramar
 - 1 complaint relating to a helicopter (air ambulance) during curfew
 - 1 complaint from person who moved to a street very close to the runway and was concerned that the airport was noisy. Explained curfew rules and directed complainant to air noise webpage which outlines further management and monitoring measures for noise.
- 6 complaints from further afield
 - 1 complaint from Hataitai relating to an international aircraft landing at 12:40. Complainant thought international curfew was midnight.
 - 3 complaints from Ngaio – one curfew medical flight, other two about a particularly loud overflying aircraft (both from the same complainant).
 - 1 complaint from Brooklyn - noticed more flights overhead. Asked if the flight path had changed. Explained that not aware of any changes to the flight path over Brooklyn but understand that aircraft regularly fly over this area. Airport has no control over chosen flight paths and explained CAA rules in relation to minimum flight altitudes.
- 1 complaint from Karori about Aeroclub flights circling. Explained airport has no jurisdiction over chosen flight paths of aircraft. Directed complainant to Wellington Aeroclub for an explanation.

4.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/No comments.

4.3 Engine testing between 8pm and 11pm

- James D provided the following update on the reported engine testing between 8pm and 11pm:
 - Section E of Appendix D in the Air Noise Management Plan requires WIAL to report on any essential unscheduled engine tests carried out between 20:00hrs to 23:00hrs within the previous financial year at every June ANMC meeting.
 - All engine tests recorded between these times were essential/ unscheduled and were in the correct location for the power setting.
 - 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 Quieter Homes Update

6.1 Jo L noted on behalf of the Quieter Homes Manager, that WIAL are currently progressing well, and that Area 4 is on track to be completed by the end of the year. Construction for Area 5 will follow. WIAL has received 49 applications for Area 5 and are underway with the initial site inspections.

7 Annual Noise Contour

7.1 The Annual Noise Contour for FY24 has been prepared which was sent to ANMC members prior to meeting). This is the actual aircraft noise level for the year (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024). It is based on the busiest consecutive 90 days of air traffic during this period (which was 21 December 2022 to 20 March 2023).

7.2 The contour demonstrates compliance with the 65 dB Ldn limit at the Air Noise Boundary. The air noise boundary in the contour diagram is the newly confirmed ANB (Inner Air Noise Overlay) in the WCC Proposed District Plan.

7.3 It is expected that the Outer Air Noise overlay in the Proposed District Plan will be included in next year's Annual Noise Contour. This means that aircraft noise levels will be checked against 60 and 65 dB Ldn limits. Jo L noted that this is because WIAL will be making an alteration to its designation to provide for noise sensitive activities to be offered mechanical ventilation as the actual noise reaches 60 dBA Ldn within the Outer Air Noise Overlay (in line with the Quieter Homes Programme).

7.4 Resident rep asked if the Strikemaster aircraft (ZK-BAC) is included in the data for the Annual Noise Contour. Jo noted that if the Strikemaster departed/arrived during this period, then it would have been.

8 General Business

8.1 Airport Fire Station project

- 3 notifications have gone out to residents relating to early morning concrete pours on 1 May, 23 May and 10 June. A notification was also sent out for soil relocation to Bridge Street on 12 March.
- Resident rep asks if soil movements are still ongoing. Jo L confirmed that the bulk of soil relocation from the fire station is complete but small soil movements are ongoing while works on fire station site continue.

8.2 Proposed District Plan appeals

- Resident rep asked about whether there are any appeals on the Proposed District Plan that the committee might want to know about. Jo L explained that these can all be found on Wellington City Council's website. Jo L will provide further update as required.

9 The meeting closed at 6:07pm. The next meeting is Monday 9 September 2024

Meeting Schedule 2024

Monday 9 September

Monday 9 December

ANMC ACTIONS

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13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (AIRNZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures	PW	Ongoing
13/03/2023	DMAPS Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing
11/03/2023	Update on seawall project with respect to noise effects	WIAL	When update needed
10/06/2024	Update on Appeals on WCC Proposed District Plan relation to airport noise	WIAL	September meeting