

# WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MEETING NOTES Monday 9 September 2024

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**Present:**

Lindsay Daysh – Convenor  
Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)  
Lindsay Hannah – Wellington City Council (via TEAMS)  
Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)  
Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ (via TEAMS)  
Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust  
Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative  
Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative  
Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative  
Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident representative

Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager  
Jenna Raeburn – WIAL GM Corporate Affairs  
Phil Rennie – WIAL External Relations Manager  
Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer

**Absent/Apologies:**

Robin Boldarin - Eastern Resident representative  
James Dobson – WIAL Environmental Compliance Planner

### 1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:34pm.

### 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

*Moved:* Craig Redpath

*Seconded:* Helen Salisbury

### ANMC Actions Update:

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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	Ongoing
13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	Refer update in section 3 below

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10/06/2024	Update on Appeals on WCC Proposed District Plan relation to airport noise	WIAL	Refer update in Section 7 below

### 3 DMAPS update

3.1 Phil Rennie provided the following update on DMAPS<sup>1</sup>:

- A judicial review has been lodged by Plane Sense against Airways NZ, Wellington Airport and CAA over the December 2022 decision to change the northern departure flightpath. They are seeking an order for the previous northern departure flight path to be restored for a number of reasons, including lack of consultation. An initial hearing will be held at the end of September with the case likely to be heard sometime in the new year.
- In the meantime, Wellington Airport will be launching public consultation later in September on options for the departure flight path over the northern suburbs. There will be four options for consideration:
  1. The status quo
  2. Diverting flights between 6-7am over a less populated area around Horokiwi
  3. Reverting to a pre-DMAPS route over Newlands
  4. Any other suggestion raised.
- The Airport is carrying out this consultation ourselves and we will then inform Airways NZ of our preferred option. Airways NZ will carry out the technical work required and then present to the Airport as a recommendation for approval.
- There will be a physical mailout to the northern suburbs in mid-September and we will seek feedback from a range of interested parties.
- WIAL will keep the committee informed of how this issue progresses.

3.2 Resident rep asked if the relief the group 'Plane Sense' was seeking was for the flight path to revert back to the pre- DMAPs routes – Phil Rennie answered that it was.

### 4 Noise Management Plan

#### 4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- Four complaints from Miramar/Strathmore Park/Rongotai
  - Two were related to some rubber removal work on the runway – no noise screen was used. Contractors have been instructed to use noise screens for all airfield maintenance works where practicable (with the exception of friction testing and line marking)
  - One related to night construction work at a time when there was none (asked for more information but no response).
  - One related to loud aircraft but no details given.

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<sup>1</sup> Divergent Missed Approach Procedure

- Four complaints from same complainant in Kaiwharawhara
  - Noisy flights in and out of curfew including air ambulances/helicopters
- Two complaints from Northern Suburbs
  - Air ambulance flights in curfew

#### **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 5.2 NMT Operational Analysis**

Jo L provided the following update on changes to Envirosuite's collection of data:

- Noticed that recently we are seeing quite a few missing one-hourly gaps from all 3 fixed BK units.
- Originally, Envirosuite set up these sites to use a floating threshold due to local conditions of wind related background noise. The decision was made that a floating threshold would be more effective than fixed threshold at the time.
- Envirosuite has now explained that the floating threshold set up has been superseded and advances have been made so that a fixed threshold is a more reliable and viable option for Wellington Airport. With a fixed threshold we will also be able to collect more data types to give a better analysis of data.
- Resident rep asked with respect to the Monthly reports why some aircraft appear to have an odd number of aircraft movements (ie usually an aircraft arrives and then departs so it would be expected that there are an even number of these movements for a particular aircraft type). For example, in the July monthly report it shows for the C130 Hercules that there were three movements (which doesn't account for the aircraft arriving and then departing twice). Tim W from Airways and Eric M from AIRNZ had a couple of suggestions for the discrepancy including how the Airforce set codes for their planes and the change to visual flight rules as opposed to Instrument Flight Procedures, or that some of the movements may be the ones noted as uncorrelated aircraft movements. With respect to those uncorrelations, Jo L noted that the upgrade to the noise monitors noted above, may provide a solution to this issue. It could also be related to the fact that one of these aircraft arrived during the reporting month but didn't leave until the following month (ie arrived on 31 August and left on 1 September).

### **6 Quieter Homes Update**

6.1 Jo L noted on behalf of the Quieter Homes Manager, that:

- 4 houses completed within reporting period
- We have received two new applications for area 4.

- We have completed construction of one of the properties in area 5. We had a late cancellation from one of the area 4 homeowners and due to no other area 4 homeowners being able to accept the offer at short notice, it was offered to a house in area 5.
- Although offers have not yet been made to properties in Area 6 (due to be rolled out in 2026), WIAL have received a number of applications from property owners on this area. It would appear that someone is circulating application forms to people in this area.

6.2 Resident rep asked if some homes in Raukawa St would be receiving mechanical ventilation? Jo L advised that yes, a select number of homes in Raukawa St (Area 6) would be offered mechanical ventilation as per the requirements of the East Side Area designation which requires this would be offered to specific properties once we started construction past a certain point of the golf course<sup>2</sup>,

## 7 WCC Proposed District Plan Appeals

7.1 WIAL has appealed the WCC District Plan decisions of a few provisions relating to noise to the Environment Court. Mediations on these are scheduled for week starting 11 November. The provisions that WIAL have appealed that relate to noise include

- The Definition of *Air Noise Overlay* – needs to refer to Ldn (i.e. just says 65 dBA)
- Subdivision in Air Noise overlay – Subdivision Provisions do not recognise the Outer Noise Overlay and provide for subdivision in Inner noise overlay rather than avoiding it
- WIAL request for an objective and policies in relation to Reverse sensitivity effects rejected
- Removed reference to the Airport Zone to allow high noise to be generated from Airport Zone

## 8 General Business

### *8.1 Website Minutes*

- Resident rep enquired as to the timing of ANMC minutes being uploaded onto the WIAL website? Lindsay D (convenor) answered that the minutes are circulated, but not approved until the following meeting, at which point they are put up as soon as practicable afterwards. The noise reports /graphs etc are uploaded onto the website as soon as possible after the meeting to which they are discussed.

### *8.2 Tree/Shrub removal*

- Resident rep queried why trees/shrubs were being removed over the fence from the golf course at the Southern end? Lindsay D and Jo L advised that the Airport did not own that land, and it was most likely the council or the Sludge Minimisation treatment plant construction activities.

### *8.3 Southern Seawall Project*

- Resident rep queried when the Airport takes possession of the southern part of the golf course, and will it be used for the seawall project? Jo Lester advised that the Airport takes possession of

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<sup>2</sup> Condition 40 of East Side Area Designation (refer to Attachment 2 for construction line and list of relevant properties)

the golf course from January 2025 and that the very southern part of it is likely to be used as a laydown area for the Southern Seawall project.

- Resident rep queried the timeframe on the laydown area for the southern section of the golf course in relation to the Seawall project. Jo L said that the construction methodology was being put in place now, but that the construction company (McConnell Dowell) have some good ideas on mitigating noise for residents. Community will be updated when WIAL has more information.

#### ***8.4 WCC Sludge Minimisation Plant***

- Resident rep queried how long the traffic management and stop/start lights will be in place for the WCC Sludge Minimisation project – Jo Lester noted that this was a WCC project, not a WIAL project however understood that traffic management will continue until project end (August 2026).

9 The meeting closed at 6:19pm.

The next meeting is Monday 9 December 2024

#### **ANMC ACTIONS**

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13/03/2023	DMAPS Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing
11/03/2023	Update on seawall project with respect to noise effects	WIAL	When update needed
09/09/2024	Send update of Southern Seawall project slides to resident reps. (Jason and Helen).	WIAL	September 2024