

# WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MEETING NOTES MONDAY 12 September 2022

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**Present:**

- Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
- Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust
- Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via Microsoft Teams)
- Lindsay Hannah – WCC Noise Expert (via Microsoft Teams)
- Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative
- Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative
- Robin Boldarin – Eastern Resident representative
- Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative
- Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident representative
- Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager
- Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer

**Apologies:**

- Patrick Whelan (BARNZ)
- John Farron – Airways Corporation of NZ
- Tim Br adding - Airways Corporation of NZ

### 1 Welcome:

- 1.1 The meeting commenced at 5.32pm.
- 1.2 Introductions from members and new reps.
- 1.3 Lindsay D ran through the agenda and his approach to running and Chairing the ANMC.

### 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

- 2.1 A number of questions were asked from Residents Reps – these questions and any actions have been put under General Business.
- 2.2 Subject to the above, the minutes of the last meeting (June 2022) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

*Moved:* Eric Morgan

*Seconded:* Robin Boldarin

### 3 Actions from Last Meeting

Date generated	Action	By whom	Notes
27/06/2022	Eric to send Jo technical questions regarding T&T noise contour modelling report. Jo to forward to T&T	EM J L	Complete. Reply received and sent to

Date generated	Action	By whom	Notes
	Response to Eric and remainder of ANMC		committee on 29/06/2022.
27/06/2022	Jo L to request from WCC the number of properties potentially affected by the new 60 dB contour.	JL	Sent with Noise Papers
27/06/2022	Lindsay H/Council to inform nominees of outcome.	LH	Complete
27/06/2022	Jo L to draft Information Package for new resident reps	JL	Complete, sent to all new resident reps.
27/06/2022	Jo L to send committee the consent order regarding resolved NOR appeals	JL	Sent with noise papers
Ongoing	WIAL to add minutes of previous meeting onto website.	JL, JR	Ongoing
	Jo L to continue to investigate Air Start Unit complaint	JL	Complete
14/03/2022	Review Engine Test Procedures for any engine tests undertaken between 8pm and 11pm between March 2022 and March 2023.	WIAL	March Meeting 2023

#### 4 Noise Management Plan:

##### 4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

Received seven noise complaints/enquiries during period 1 June – 31 August 2022. To summarise:

- APU noise until 10:20pm – running for an hour – complies with allowances for APU usage.
- One complaint related to the Strikemaster and excessive noise – owner of Strikemaster asked to inform community of future departures and track north of peninsula before turning as well as fitting the transponder into the aircraft.
- One complaint regarding a high-pitched whistling noise coming from an aircraft – A320 Neo taxiing on Taxiway Alpha, considered to be normal aircraft sound.
- One complaint relating to two noisy military helicopters idling on the apron – Jo spoke to NZDF, this was a major police operation and security issue. Exempt requirements.
- Loud metal clanging at 12:05am and loud late-night arrivals. – No construction work that evening and new resident to area not used to this aircraft noise.
- One complaint related to early morning aircraft noise. This related to a medical flight arriving and then departing at 5:30am and that it was likely they left engines running while on apron.
- One query related to flights over Newlands at 1:10am and 3:45am – confirmed flights were emergency medical flights. One aircraft and one helicopter.

#### 4.2 *Summary of Curfew Movements*

Nothing to report.

#### 4.3 *Noise Monitor Issues*

Nothing to report.

### 5 **System Reports**

#### 5.1 *Aircraft LDN Graphs/Tables*

It was noted that the key to the LDN compliance graph has fallen off for some reason. Jo to ensure that this will not happen in future.

#### 5.2 *Aircraft Operations Analysis*

Jeff Weir asked about whether the Strikemaster is specifically included in the list of aircraft movements, noting that it definitely departed from the airport on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, but it is difficult to know from the operations analysis for June whether it was included. He also commented that there didn't seem to be an increase in the average noise on that date on the Daily LDN table. JoL said that she wasn't sure what its identifier was so unsure (but it should be on there). Jo to discuss with Airways to ensure that the Strikemaster is definitely being recorded in the operations data which is being sent to Envirosuite for correlation with the noise data.

#### 5.3 *Uncorrelated Aircraft Analysis*

Nothing to report.

#### 5.4 *Calibration Reports*

Nothing to report.

5.5 Aaron Gilmore remarked that some of these reports just made no real sense. Lindsay H said that he (along with Jo) could put together at some point an airport noise 101 document to explain how airport noise is monitored. Jo noted that she had sent a document outlining some of this information already to the new resident representatives, however further explanation regarding the actual data reports would be quite helpful. Jo and Lindsay H to discuss prior to next meeting.

### 6 **Wellington Airport Noise Treatment (WANT) Update**

6.1 Jo L updated the Committee on the Quieter Homes programme. The programme has now completed 92 property upgrades. Area 3 is fast approaching completion and Area 4 property upgrades are scheduled to begin in October this year.

6.2 Jeff Weir asked what the process was regarding the Quieter Homes programme and how much money was currently available given that it is perceived that WIAL are taking a long time to roll out the programme. He had heard that people get coerced into it. Jo and other committee members explained that the programme has been affected by Covid, not just because of lack of aircraft (which ultimately pay for the programme), but also supply and staffing/contractor issues that are plaguing the building industry.

6.3 Jo L noted that the process is quite complicated and is outlined on the WIAL website ([Quieter homes](#)), however would invite the Quieter Homes Programme manager to come and speak to the

committee at the next meeting. Helen S noted that she would also be able to discuss her experience of receiving the Quieter Homes package.

## **7 General business**

### *7.1 Proposed District Plan Noise Boundaries – Properties affected*

Jo pointed out the table of information provided with the noise papers outlining the number of properties affected by the new proposed Outer Noise Boundary, noting that there was an overall increase in 1020 properties affected by airport noise contours (not necessarily all residential properties or properties containing noise sensitive activities. Existing noise sensitive activities within the Outer Noise Overlay would be offered mechanical ventilation when a noise level of 60 Ldn is received at these properties.

Aaron Gilmore asked whether houses within the new outer noise overlay could be taken/bought by the Airport. Jo L explained that the airport only offers to purchase houses (on a willing buyer/willing seller basis) that are deemed to be unhealthy to inhabit due to noise levels (ie receive noise greater than 75 dB Ldn) ie those that are very close to the Airport. There is only one remaining property on Bridge Street that falls within this category.

Aaron Gilmore also recommended that due to the additional constraints/requirements placed on property owners within the new airport noise overlays that the Airport should provide specific communication to these properties with respect to this, ie letting them know the rules around new builds. Helen S endorsed this request. Jo explained that the requirements on property owners are WCC District Plan provisions, and that WIAL does not have any direct control over these. WIAL was responsible for the modelling of the new noise boundaries and providing these to the Council for inclusion in the District Plan. Jo to send the noise boundary modelling report to new committee members. WIAL to consider ways and whether to communicate requirements to potentially affected properties, noting that they have already been publicly notified through the District Plan process and they are not yet operative (there is still further submissions and hearing processes and possibly appeal processes to go through until these are operative).

### *7.2 Noise Management Plan (NMP) Review*

Jo L explained that in accordance with the new Main Site Area designation conditions, the NMP must be reviewed and updated and submitted to council for certification (the draft must be released publicly for comment prior to this) within 6 months of the designations being confirmed in the WCC District Plan. This means we must have reviewed and worked on the plan for submission by 18 January 2023. This leaves the committee with a very short period of time in which to complete the review and finalise for consultation purposes. Jo L explained that she would likely need to contract consultant services to help undertake this review as WIAL itself does not have the resources (Jo is the only planner). A draft reviewed NMP would need to be provided to the committee prior to November.

### 7.3 ANMC Code of Conduct

Lindsay D noted that at the last meeting it was recommended that given that we are introducing a number of new committee members to the ANMC, that it was time that we drafted/agreed to a code of conduct of members. Lindsay noted that Jo had found an example from a UK airport with a similar committee and had started to draft one based on this overseas example. Jo to circulate draft with the minutes of this meeting for committee members to review and endorse at the next meeting.

### 7.4 Resident Representative Comments/Questions:

7.4.1 Jeff Weir asked why there was no representative from the Aero club on the ANMC.

Eric Morgan noted that this would depend on the wording within the ANMC terms of reference. Lindsay D recommended that we could invite them to a committee meeting.

7.4.2 Jeff Weir asked "Does the Airport 'have a say' as to who can land here?"

Eric Morgan and Jo L explained that the Airport is unable to control who can/cannot land here.

7.4.3 Jason Colton noted that there has been a noticeable upturn in communication to local residents, particularly around night-time construction activities, which is great, but would like the Airport to be more proactive, and not to just default to the website.

Jo L noted that the Airport has been quite proactive. For example, it delivered a new community newsletter to all residents in the Eastern ward lately. In this there was a request that if people want updates on our projects etc that they email

[wellingtonairport@wellingtonairport.co.nz](mailto:wellingtonairport@wellingtonairport.co.nz) to join an email list. Most of the resident reps noted that they had not received a copy of the newsletter ([Tōu Taunga Rererangi – Your Airport: Winter 2022](#)). Jo explained that the delivery company are likely to have 'rules' about who they deliver to (ie unable to deliver to letterboxes with "No circulars" stickers etc.).

Robin Boldarin noted that it would be a good idea if the newsletter had a section regarding medical flights and the fact that they were allowed to operate throughout the curfew. It was also noted that the newsletter might be a good place to articulate the different sources of noise from the airport ie wildlife management.

Jo to put these article ideas forward to the WIAL community and engagement team.

7.4.4 In relation to night-time construction, Jason C noted that in its letters to local residents that it would use noise screens but that he has witnessed these not actually being used. Jo L explained that WIAL requires that their contractors use the best practicable option to reduce noise effects on neighbours, however noted that she would follow up with Infrastructure and Development team to follow up with the contractors.

7.4.5 Helen asked about the requirement in the mediation agreement for the airport to ask Greater Wellington if they would install a new air quality monitor at the airport within the golf course area. Jo noted that it should be noted that Greater Wellington already have an air quality monitor on Stewart Duff Drive close to Mōa Point, but that air quality issues were outside the remit of this committee, however happy to update her on any progress in this area via email.

7.4.6 Jeff Weir asked how the use of APUs could be minimised. Jo requested that he ask questions regarding the use of APUs during the airside visit which has been organised for the resident representatives the following week.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is **Monday 12 December 2022**

#### Meeting Schedule 2023:

Monday 13 March

Monday 12 June

Monday 11 September

Monday 11 December

#### ANMC ACTIONS

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12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	ASAP
12/09/2022	Jo L to discuss with Airways NZ to ensure that the Strikemaster operations are included in the Airways airport operations data sent to Envirosuite for correlation with noise data.	JL JF TB	December Meeting
12/09/2022	Jo L to invite the Quieter Homes Project Manager to next meeting to discuss how programme works.	JL	December Meeting
12/09/2022	Jo L and WIAL consultants to draft an update of the existing Noise Management Plan by November for the committee to review.	JL	Late October
12/09/2022	Committee will require extra special meeting prior to next meeting to specifically discuss the updated NMP and process for further community input.	All	November
12/09/2022	Jo L and Lindsay H to provide explanation on how airport noise is monitored and what the noise reports provided represent so easily understood by all parties	JL LH	December Meeting
12/09/2022	Jo L to send new committee members the T&T airport noise contours modelling report.	JL	December Meeting
12/09/2022	WIAL to consider whether it is necessary and if so, ways to communicate District Plan provisions relating	ND JL	When new District Plan provisions become operative

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	to properties within new noise boundaries (once operative).		
12/09/2022	JL to discuss construction contractor compliance in terms of noise mitigations (eg acoustic screens) with WIAL Infrastructure team.	JL	December Meeting
12/09/2022	Draft Code of Conduct to be circulated to all ANMC members with draft minutes of 12/09 meeting and agreed upon and endorsed at the December 2022 meeting.	All	December meeting
12/09/2022	Jo L to provide article ideas (Wildlife mgmt., curfew allowances) to WIAL Communications and Engagement team to be included in the Airport Newsletter	JL	December Meeting
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