

WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES MONDAY 13 March 2023

Present:

- Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
- 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
- Matt Borich – WCC
- Lindsay Hannah - WCC
- Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via Teams)
- Jenna Raeburn – WIAL Corporate Affairs General Manager
- Phil Rennie – WIAL External Relations Manager
- Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer
- James Evans – Airways NZ
- Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ (via Teams)

Apologies:

- Jo Lester (WIAL)
- Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep
- Cath O'Brien – BARNZ
- Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust
- Tim Bradding – Airways NZ

1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5.31pm.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (December 2022) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Robin Boldarin

Seconded: Jeff Weir

Actions from Last Meeting

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12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	Will invite to June Meeting 2023
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	June meeting
Ongoing	WIAL to add minutes of previous meeting onto website.	JL	Ongoing
14/03/2022	Review Engine Test Procedures for any engine tests undertaken between 8pm and 11pm between March 2022 and March 2023.	WIAL	Complete

3 DMAPS (Divergent Missed Approach Procedure) Flight Path change

James Evans from Airways was invited to explain DMAPS to the committee in detail and the changes that have caused queries and complaints from Northern Suburb residents. He spoke specifically to the change in safety aspects for the Airlines with regard to navigation and that DMAPS would introduce less reliance on visual control for pilots, while separating flight paths for arrivals, turbo-props and jets. He also explained the significant improvement in delays and CO2 and fuel savings. However, it was acknowledged that there had been more complaints than expected and Airways and WIAL are reviewing the decision process and commissioning further noise monitoring.

Airways & WIAL had met prior to the ANMC meeting with Councillor Diane Calvert (WCC) and two Northern Suburb residents to discuss the issues and seek a way forward.

The ANMC discussed the following:

- The changes of new flight paths and how often 'go arounds' occur across a week
- The number of flights remained the same but will appear closer and sound louder to some residents.
- Monitor was in place from October 2022
- Given the consultation undertaken for Performance Based Navigation in 2018, resident rep queried why residents had not been consulted about DMAPS. Explanation that the noise consultants' noise model report showed change would be within reasonable limits with only a 2-decibel change expected.

Airways and WIAL will be adding more noise monitors into the area and re-checking air noise levels in consultation with Marshall Day acoustic consultants.

The ANMC will be updated at the June meeting.

4 Noise Management Plan:

4.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

Received 24 noise complaints/enquiries during period 1 December 2022 – 28 February 2023. To summarise:

Roseneath - 4 separate complaints - all same complainant

- FA5C flew fast and low over houses – reported to CAA due to elevation breach (was at 700 ft), pilot given verbal warning by CAA.
- 7 other flights flew over Roseneath– All complied with CAA rules.

Hataitai - 3 separate ongoing emails - same complainant

- Complaint related to noise issues outside ANB. Considers that airport should be monitoring noise at property in Evans Bay and does not consider that the airport monitors aircraft noise properly – WIAL explained the conditions of designation, how we monitor noise, where we monitor noise, the NZ Standard, the review of district plan, CAA rules. Complainant did not believe this was adequate and will complain to WCC.

Rongotai – 1 complaint

- Intense noise from Airport on Saturday 25 February – WIAL asked complainant for more info regarding what sort of noise heard but received no response.

Melrose – 1 complaint

- Excessive noise from Airport due to all sources of Airport noise, wants rules changes, flight paths changed, and all surrounding homes soundproofed – Explanation of designations, rules, conditions and scope of Quieter Homes programme.

Miramar - 4 complaints

- Flight arrived late (within curfew) causing disrupted sleep – Flight diverted from Christchurch due to fog and permitted under designation.
- Airport noise in general, insulation won't work as like to sleep with windows open – Quieter Homes programme explained in full.
- 1am Sydney flight had engines running for an hour, thought only 30 minutes were allowed? – Explained that APU is allowed to run for 60 minutes. Resident rep requested that WIAL remind aircraft operators of obligations to avoid unreasonable noise and to turn APU's off as soon as possible.

Post meeting note: As a result of this complaint, Jo L had already sent email to Qantas and Plane Biz reminding them of this obligation (as outlined in Noise Enquiries register).

- Strikemaster aircraft very loud and disruptive all day and doesn't appear on 'Webtrak' – Jo L asked Envirosuite to ensure that the Strikemaster does appear (more clearly) on Webtrak (it is now identified by its tail number - ZK-BAC). Aircraft operates within CAA rules, however it was requested that WIAL contact pilot to remind him of social responsibility.

Strathmore Park - 1 complaint

- Strikemaster turned sharply after take-off to the south, is this allowed? Explained this is allowable.

Northern Suburbs (Grenada North Khandallah, Newlands and Johnsonville) – 10 complaints

- Two complaints relating to an early morning noisy early aircraft on 7th February – Explained that the flight in question was NZDF taking Prime Minister to Canberra, and that it would have been a unusual noise due to the age and type of aircraft
- Three complaints relating to a noisy aircraft at 10pm on 6th February. This was a medical helicopter.
- One complaint related to a noisy aircraft flew over early on 7 February waking family – scheduled flight to Sydney, which complied with CAA rules.
- Noisy afternoon flight on 25 February – Sounds Air flight, unsure why noisy, but normal scheduled flight from Blenheim.
- Noisy flights at 11:51pm & 11:56pm on 25 February – AirNZ flights arriving from Melbourne and Brisbane, normal scheduled flights.
- Request to stop flights after 10pm as they are loud – Explained curfew allowances
- One complaint relating to a noisy aircraft flying low at 1pm on 12 February – this was a helicopter that did not arrive or depart from Wellington Airport

4.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/no comments.

4.3 Noise Monitor Issues

Nothing to report/no comments.

5 System Reports

5.1 Aircraft LDN Graphs/Tables

Nothing to report/no comments.

5.2 Aircraft Operations Analysis

Nothing to report/no comments.

5.3 Uncorrelated Aircraft Analysis

Nothing to report.

5.4 Calibration Reports

Nothing to report.

6 Wellington Airport Noise Treatment (WANT) Update

6.1 Area 2 – 4 x dwellings at 50 Calabar Rd have been completed with Quieter Homes acoustic mitigation packages installed.

6.2 Area 4 - Roll out continues.

7 General Business

7.1 Noise Management Plan Update

The final draft NMP was sent into WCC for certification on 18 Jan 2023. All committee members received a copy. The council sent back their acoustic review and requests for alteration on 3 March 2023. The requests were mostly minor and WIAL are currently reviewing feedback and will respond back to council with updated NMP by the end of March.

Resident reps queried why the NMP does not address requests for land-based noise monitoring and noted desire for further controls on construction noise. WCC and WIAL reps confirmed both issues have been raised by Council in feedback and are being considered by WIAL. WIAL rep noted monitoring land-based noise can be extremely difficult as the noise cannot be correlated to a particular source (unlike aircraft noise, which can be correlated with known arrivals and departures).

7.2 Engine Testing Audit 2022

Jo Lester has been working on the audit. There is reasonably good compliance with Engine Testing procedures. Air NZ have been exemplary in sending through compliance forms. Some of the other operators have been less so. A request at Executive level has now been sent to each operator requiring the information to be submitted as outlined in the plans and timelines within the designation.

7.3 Other Business:

- Resident representative requested the ANMC minutes be placed in date order on the website
- Resident query via resident representative from north end Yule St, Rongotai – very comfortably lived with airport noise – however take offs to the North, now sound louder, and have much greater vibrations? Resident wondered if departure point is in a slightly different area. Query, rather than complaint. BARNZ representative asked whether it would be helpful if he asked Hugh Pierce from AIR NZ to give presentation on take-off procedures. Committee thought this would be helpful.
- Resident query via resident representative from Salek St, Rongotai – noticing a lot of empty trucks racing over the speed humps at 5.30am/6am in the morning and wondering if Airport can raise with them, while noting may not relate to Airport work given Fulton Hogan depot nearby. Airport rep agreed to raise issue with Fulton Hogan.

8 The meeting closed at 6.48pm

The next meeting is **Monday 12 June 2023**

Meeting Schedule 2023:

Monday 12 June

Monday 11 September

Monday 11 December

ANMC ACTIONS

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13/03/2023	Jo L to send the Council's acoustic review of the ANMP, and final version when available.	JL	As soon as available

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13/03/2023	Discuss acceptable areas of flying with Strikemaster pilot in terms of thought for residents rather than rules	JL JR	June Meeting
13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (AIRNZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures	PW	June or September Meeting
13/03/2023	WIAL to talk to Fulton Hogan regarding empty trucks travelling over the speed humps on Salek Street, Rongotai at 5.30am/6am in the morning	ND	June meeting
13/03/2023	Alter WIAL's Air Noise webpage so that the minutes are in date order	JL	As soon as possible – prior to June meeting
13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	June Meeting