

Main Site Designation – Overview

Wellington Airport has given notice (**notice of requirement or NOR**) to the Wellington City Council to designate its current land holdings and leased area of land for Airport Purposes.

The extent of the proposed Main Site designation is shown below:



Figure 1: Proposed Main Site Designation Boundary

WHAT IS A DESIGNATION?

A designation is an approval mechanism for infrastructure works and utility operations where these are undertaken by a requiring authority. Any adverse effects arising can be managed through conditions and the outline plan process. A designation complemented by underlying zone provisions is the commonly applied planning method for airports throughout New Zealand (e.g., Auckland Airport, Christchurch Airport, Queenstown Airport). The designation will also ensure that WIAL is responsible for managing noise

generated by aircraft operations to ensure compliance with the Air Noise Boundary (**ANB**) in the District Plan.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE ENABLED AS A RESULT OF THE DESIGNATION AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

The NOR generally emulates the permitted activity standards and thresholds that are currently in the Wellington District Plan which already authorise airport related activities to occur. It seeks to enable (subject where appropriate to conditions) the following activities:

- Aircraft operations and associated activities, including all ground-based infrastructure, plant and machinery necessary to assist aircraft operations;
- Aircraft rescue training facilities and emergency services;
- Runways, taxiways, aprons, and other aircraft movement areas;
- Airport terminal, hangars, control towers, rescue and fire facilities, navigation and safety aids, lighting and telecommunication facilities, car parking, maintenance and service facilities, catering facilities, freight facilities, quarantine and incineration facilities, border control and immigration facilities, medical facilities, fuel storage and fuelling facilities, facilities for the handling and storage of hazardous substances;
- Associated administration and office activities;
- Roads, accessways, stormwater facilities, monitoring activities, site investigation activities, infrastructure and utility activities, and landscaping;
- Vehicle parking and storage, rental vehicle facilities, vehicle valet activities, and public transport facilities;
- Signage, artwork or sculptures, billboards and flags;
- Hotel/visitor accommodation, conference facilities and services;
- Retail activities, service retail, restaurants and other food and beverage facilities including takeaway food facilities and commercial activities, provided they are located within the Terminal Precinct;
- Industrial and commercial activities provided they are associated with aircraft operations or serve the needs of passengers, crew, ground staff, airport workers, and other associated workers and visitors;
- Structures to mitigate against the impact of natural hazards;
- All demolition (if required) construction and earthworks activities, including associated structures;
- Ancillary activities, buildings and structures related to the above; and
- Servicing, testing and maintenance activities related to the above.

As with the current District Plan¹ zoning, it is proposed to establish a series of development precincts within the designation. The proposed development precincts are shown in Figure 2. These are generally consistent with the areas identified in Chapter 11A, Appendix 4 of the District Plan. The nature, form and function of each precinct differs

¹ Refer Appendix 4 of Chapter 11A Airport Precinct Rules of the WCC District Plan which define five Development Areas.

slightly, and this is reflected in the type of activities that can occur within each area and the conditions or limitations those activities might be subject to.



Figure 2: Wellington Airport Development Precincts

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE MAIN SITE NOR?

For the most part, the proposed designation is not anticipated to give rise to any adverse effects that are significantly greater than what can occur under the permitted District Plan provisions. Significant areas of the Airport are dedicated to enabling existing aviation activities (i.e., the runway, taxiway areas) and due to the limited land area available and civil aviation safety requirements, these features are likely to remain relatively fixed with supporting activities developed and redeveloped around these (i.e., terminals, car parking, aircraft hangars).

To manage potential edge effects, bulk and location standards (e.g., building height limits) are proposed in certain areas such as the Terminal Area and West Side of the proposed designation.

These measures, in conjunction with the outline plan process (that will be required where activities cannot comply with certain conditions of the designation), will ensure that any adverse effects arising from future development at the Airport can be appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE AND HOW CAN I MAKE A SUBMISSION?

The above summary provides an overview of Wellington Airport's proposed designation over its main Airport site. A full copy of the notice of requirement is available on the Wellington City Council's website:

<https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/public-notice/open/other/requirement-for-designation---wellington-airport-main-site>

Wellington City Council has publicly notified Wellington Airport's notice of requirement. Any person may make a submission on the notice and may wish to speak to their submission at a public hearing. **The formal submission period closes 5pm Friday 26 February 2021.**

As part of the statutory process, you may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Wellington City Council at consent.submissions@wcc.govt.nz or Resource Consents Team, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140. A submission form is available on the Wellington City Councils website (link above), or upon request to the Council's Planning Help Desk – phone 04 801 3590 or email planning@wcc.govt.nz.

Should you have any further questions to Wellington Airport on the notice of requirement, prior to making a formal submission to the Council, you welcome to email us at planning@wellingtonairport.co.nz.