



WELLINGTON AIRPORT EAST SIDE AREA UPDATE

In 2019 Wellington Airport purchased the land covering the southern half (back nine holes) of Miramar Golf Course. Over the next few years, we will gradually start using parts of this land for much-needed development.

This will happen in careful stages over time, and we are not intending to fully develop this area for aircraft parking at this stage.

The first step people may notice is the Miramar Golf Club closing off the two holes to the south of the clubrooms before the end of this year. The existing course layout will be re-arranged so that there are still 18 holes available to golfers until 2025.



2024 NEW TEMPORARY CARPARK

In February 2024 Wellington Airport will begin work to create a new car park to accommodate around 800 vehicles in the area shown as **Stage 1** above. This construction will take approximately 9-12 months, with the remaining land continuing to be used as part of the golf course for the rest of 2024.

Like all major projects at the airport, this will follow our Construction Noise Management Plan to minimise any noise impacts on neighbours. The area will include landscaping and boundary treatments to improve its visual amenity.

These new car parks are needed to replace parking capacity displaced from other parts of the airport precinct due to other works taking place.

Next year we will also be moving 11 small pohutakawa trees (marked in red above) further towards the eastern boundary of the golf course (closer to Bunker Way and Raukawa Street).



MID 2024 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A NEW GREEN BUFFER ZONE

Around the middle of 2024 Wellington Airport will consult our neighbours on a proposed landscape buffer area which will include attractive new green spaces. This could include walkways, cycle paths, boundary treatments and new plantings.

This area is marked as **Stage 2** below and is where the 11 small pohutukawa trees will be moved to.

To support this, we are preparing a Landscape and Visual Management Plan which will provide guidance and options to address any potential visual effects on the eastern area from airport-related activities.

Following consultation, construction work on this could begin in 2025.

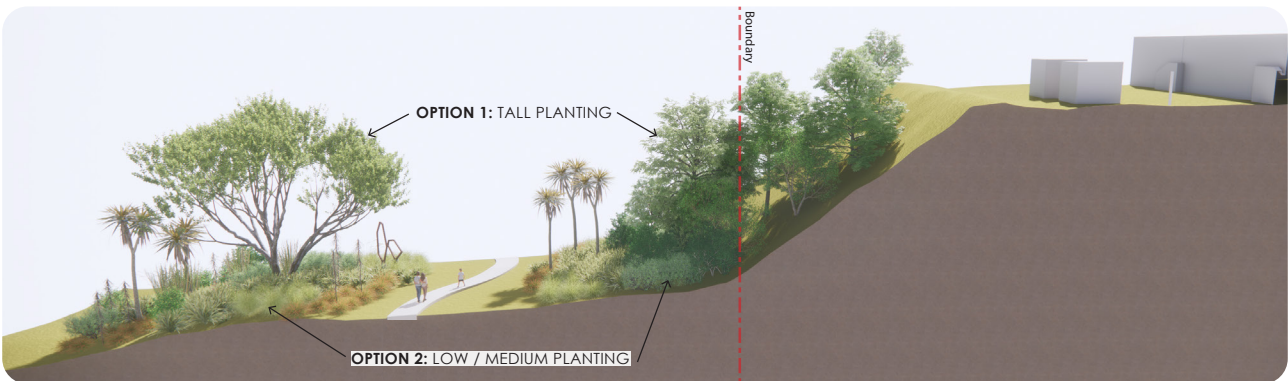


CONCEPT DESIGNS OF HOW A BUFFER ZONE COULD LOOK

(A) OVERALL AMENITY OPTIONS: STAGE 2 ELEVATION/VISUALISATION

DESIGN ELEMENTS

- ① Sculptural elements to create an art loop
- ② Maintain existing golfcourse landscape
- ③ Mass planting of low native species to allow for distant views
- ④ Tall tree species (including transplanted Pohutakawa's) to mitigate visual effects of development





2025 & BEYOND

Wellington Airport takes full possession of the remainder of the back nine holes of Miramar Golf Club on 1 January 2025.

Most of this land is designated to be used for airport purposes, however any timings and details for this are still to be determined. Future development is likely to happen gradually in stages over time, involving community consultation and work to protect visual amenity.

Some of this land could be used for supporting the upgrade of our seawalls and sea defences, such as site compounds and material storage. If so, the public would likely have a chance to give feedback on this as part of the required resource consent application process for these sea defences.

In the longer term, under our 2040 Masterplan this space is eventually scheduled to be used as apron for aircraft but again, any timing for this is still to be established.



WHY DOES WELLINGTON AIRPORT NEED THIS EXTRA LAND?

In 2019 we released our Masterplan for 2040 which sets out how we will accommodate future growth for the region over the next 20+ years.

Wellington Airport currently operates on a very small and tightly constrained space of just 110 hectares. By comparison, Auckland Airport operates on 1,400 hectares and Christchurch Airport on 850 hectares.

At the same time, our region’s population is growing with 200,000 extra people expected to live in the wider region in the coming decades.

The requirements for airports are also changing as new, more sustainable forms of flying are under development, including electric aircraft and alternative fuels. These will require new infrastructure to enable this essential transition.

All of this means we have to start preparing now to ensure we can provide the vital infrastructure our region needs for the future, so that we can keep connecting people and supporting the local economy.



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