

## Report of the Paraparaumu Airport Community Liaison Group for the period 1 November 2008 – 31 October 2009

The Community Liaison Group (CLG) has met on three occasions during the year. One scheduled meeting was cancelled due to small number of complaints to be reviewed.

The Committee was established under the Paraparaumu Airport Noise Management Plan and comprises the following people: -

**Community** - 3 persons appointed by KCDC  
 Louella Jensen, Don Day and David Blair  
 Kapiti Retirement Trust – David Blair (replacement for Mervyn Monk who resigned during the year)

**Airport Operators** - 1 person appointed by Airport users Richard Bull

**Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai** - Jack Rikihana

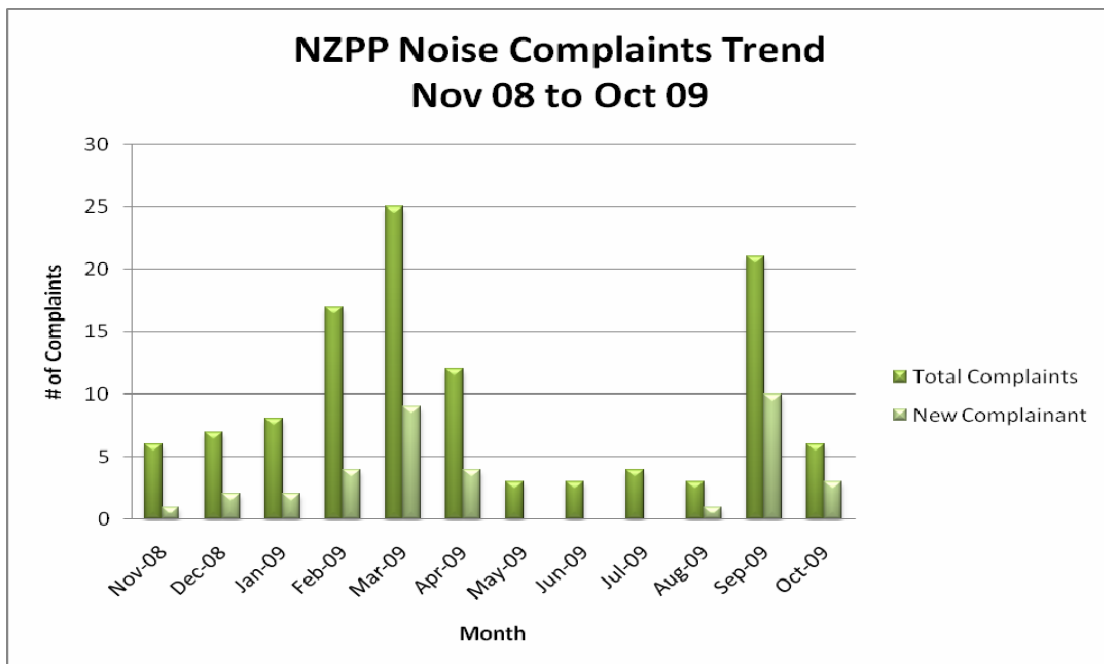
**Airport Company** - Steve Bootten

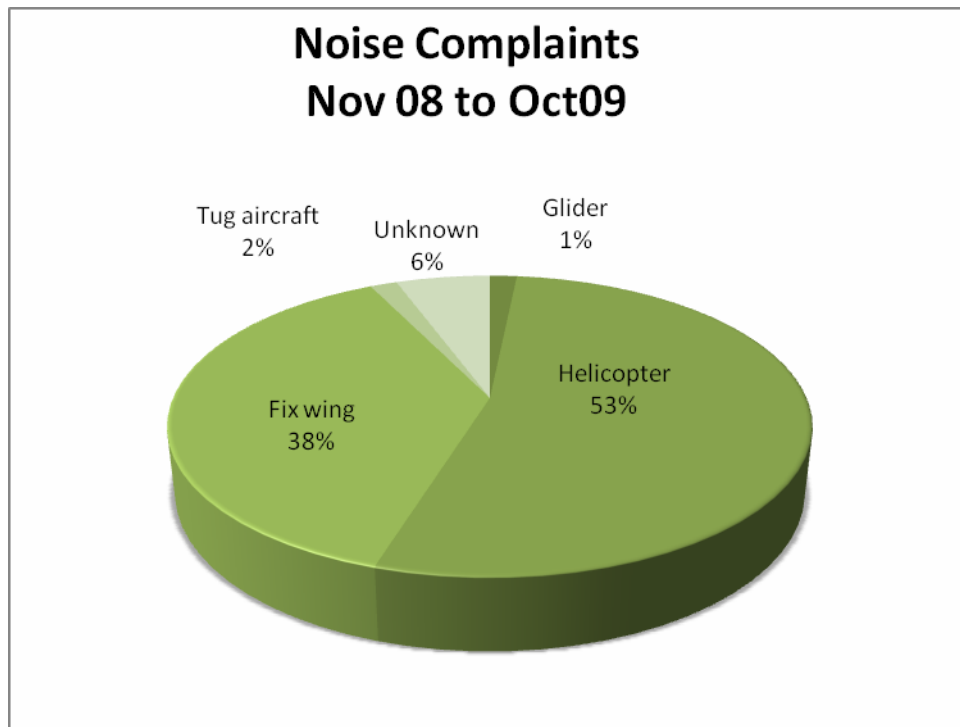
**Airport Manager** - AJ Wackrow

**Independent Chairperson** appointed jointly by KCDC and Airport Company is Murray Jensen

The purpose of CLG is *"to consider and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Airport Manager on aircraft noise issues and concerns that arise from the operation and activities at the airport"*. Full Terms of Reference are described in the Noise management Plan

The following graphs describe Total Noise Complaints for the period: -





The Airport Manager produces a detailed report to each meeting describing complaints made, investigation results and outcomes and these are reviewed by the Committee.

On some occasions it is not possible to follow up on a particular incident because of a lack of description. There is a trend also of the same people making regular complaints. All complaints are plotted onto a map to show the areas where most complaints generate from.

It is a fact that complaints have trended downwards this year. The highest number of complaints come from helicopter activity followed by "fixed" wing operations on night training.

It is important to record the initiatives taken by the Paraparaumu Airport Company Ltd: -

1. New Curfew hours September – April 2230 – 0600
2. May to August 2200 – 0600 (no circuit training between 2130 and 0600)
3. No circuit training on Sundays and Public Holidays before 0900 and after 1800
4. A ban on helicopter slope landing and sling load training at the airport other than for flight test purposes
5. A restriction on helicopter extended hovering within 50m from any residential area bordering the airport

These changes have been made by the Airport Company after listening and analysing the complaints process. CLG congratulates and thanks the company for this response.

## **Review of Noise Management Plan**

CLG understands that KCDC will be initiating a review of the NMP shortly and wish to indicate their desire to be involved with that process.

## **Noise Monitoring Programme**

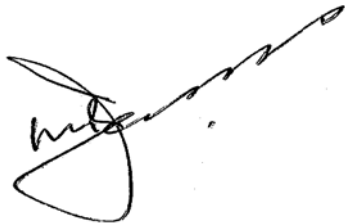
Although not directly part of CLG responsibilities, the committee was impressed with the work done by Marshall Day, acoustic experts, for the Airport Company.

Measurement results at the two sites demonstrate compliance with the noise boundaries in the Kapiti Coast District Plan.

## *Appreciation*

The committee is grateful to KCDC staff for their technical knowledge and input and advices. Especially we thank Mrs Jean McBirney for her secretarial duties on our behalf.

Finally I wish to thank the members of CLG for their continued interest and valued contributions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Jensen', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Murray Jensen  
**Independent Chairman**

2 November 2009