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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 17 August 2022 requesting the following information:

Your request via email to Mark de Haast on 17 August

I note page 7 of this doc states that:

The District Plan states that, in consultation with Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd, KCDC is responsible for reviewing this Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan one year after the operative date of Plan Change 73 and thereafter at regular intervals coincident with the review of the air noise contours, required under standard D9.2.1 Noise.2 Now that this initial review has taken place, the regular intervals are proposed to be every 36 months. The next review is planned for 2015, 36 months from the operative date of this Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan.

Given that, can you please ask Mark to advise when the Noise Management Plan was last reviewed, and when it will next be reviewed? I have struggled to get an answer to this question so far.

Given that the need to review the NMP must have been included in this document for a reason, I am going to assume that one reason was to reflect change in and impact on the community. Given that, I would like the below to be considered in the next review of the NMP.

- 1. The increase in residential dwellings in Paraparaumu and Raumati Beach and the need for pilots to have a greater level of understanding and consideration of the community, including recognition that recreational flying is done by a tiny percentage of pilots yet impacts upon thousands of residents.*
- 2. Frequency of take-offs due to a large majority of flights simply undertaking circuits. I would like the amount and frequency of take-offs to be reviewed under the Noise Management Plan. There appears to be no restriction whatsoever on this. Noise from planes is a lot more manageable if there is not a sudden 'clump' of planes all doing circuits concurrently. I would like to see a cap on the number of planes doing circuit training at any one time. Otherwise, the result is that multiple*

planes are taking off sometimes within 30 seconds of each other and this can sometimes last for what feels like a very long time.

- 3. The increased need for a majority of people to be working from home. This means that we cannot get away from the airport noise during the week so are now subject to potential airport noise 7 days a week. The changing work circumstances need to be taken into account in reviewing the Noise Management Plan. The work that I am currently doing is of significant importance to our nation and I'm sure there are plenty of other people around here working from home who are also finding it hard to concentrate during the day with the small plane noise. Note that my house is built to the noise standards that Jonny mentioned and much of the time I have headphones on for Teams calls, but the plane noise is still problematic.***
- 4. A proposal that the night-time curfew of 10.30pm be reviewed with a view to making this earlier. Pilots are sometimes commencing their night training circuits well after it has become dark, which seems entirely unnecessary and, again, demonstrates a lack of consideration for the community.***

I would like these suggestions to be taken seriously; more so now that I attended the Community Board meeting last night where it seemed clear to me that there is little to no appetite for change. Statements advising me of the importance of trainee pilots being able to fly circuits and do night-time training are simply out of touch with KCDC's key priority to address climate change. I listened to management-speak page reads that I could have easily found out for myself by going to your website – the point is that there doesn't appear to have yet been one clear initiative identified to address climate change. Given we should be starting with non-destination based travel (which is completely non essential), the most low-hanging fruit to pick off are the little planes flying around in circles and going nowhere. There are plenty of other airstrips pilots could visit to do this, but for some reason they are doing it over a densely populated residential area.

Response by Mark de Haast via email on 25 August

Thank you for your email. I have referred your questions and concerns to James Jefferson – Group Manager Regulatory Services.

- Under the District Plan, it is the airport operator's responsibility to manage noise from their activity, via the Noise Management Plan.
- Under that Plan, it falls to the Airport Manager (AM) to be responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of that NMP.
- The CLG establishment and functioning falls under that responsibility for the AM.
- Council's role is clearly articulated as an advisory role and one of secretarial support.
- Under the TOR for the CLG, it states the group should meet once per year. It last met in Feb/March 2021 and the Chair has since resigned.
- Council intends to support the AM to reconstitute the CLG when time permits.

Your request via email to Mark de Haast on 25 August

- 1. Would you mind sending a copy of the minutes referred to in your final bulletpoint below or directing me to where they are on your website please.***

A copy of the draft minutes are attached. These have not yet been confirmed by the CLG as this will be an agenda item for their next meeting scheduled for 27 September 2022.

I specifically highlighted some text in my email below, but it appears not to have been answered in your response. Page 7 of this doc states that: "The District Plan states that, in consultation with Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd, KCDC is responsible for reviewing this Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan one year after the operative date of Plan Change 73 and thereafter at regular intervals...."

I don't know if you are reading the statement from your own documentation differently than I am, but to me the RACI on the above sentence shows:

- RESPONSIBLE: KCDC***
- CONSULTED: KCAL***

I repeat my question from below which I have already pointed out below that I am struggling to get answered:

- 2. Can you please advise when the Noise Management Plan was last reviewed, and when it will next be reviewed?***

The Noise Management Plan (NMP) was received by the Council's Regulatory Management Committee on 13 September 2012. The NMP has since been updated, on 27 September 2019.

No future reviews of the NMP are scheduled.

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James Jefferson
Group Manager Regulatory Services
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Whakaritenga