

Minutes

Subject: Meeting of the Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group
Location: Meeting held in Person and via Microsoft Teams
Date: 09 June 2025

Members Present

In Person:
 Rachel Devine, Independent Chair
 Nick Muller, Auckland Airport (alternate for Kylie Higgs)
 Malcom Bell, Franklin Local Board (from 1.07pm)
 Connie Rowe, Auckland Airport

Via “Teams”:
 Councillor Alf Filipaina, Auckland Council
 Patrick Whelan, BARNZ Alternate
 Bruce Kendall, Howick Local Board
 Heather Haylock, Community Representative
 Helen Futter, Community Representative
 Mark Easson, Community Representative
 Tauanu’u Nick Bakulich, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board
 Jack Tan, Albert-Eden Local Board
 Karl Taylor, Airways Corporation Alternate
 Warren Piper, Whau Local Board Alternate

In Attendance

In Person:
 Caitlin Goodman, Auckland Airport
 Steve Peakall, Marshall Day Acoustics
 Stephanie King, Marshall Day Acoustics
 Andrea Marshall, Auckland Airport
 Mark Laurensen, Auckland Airport
 Jaynie Yang, Auckland Airport
 Alessandra Tunno, Auckland Airport
 Steve Hardwick, Auckland Airport

Via “Teams”:
 Nicholas Lau, Auckland Council (from 1pm to 1.28, then from 2pm until close)
 Alexis Brook, Auckland Airport

Members of the Public

Nil

Apologies

Kylie Higgs, Auckland Airport
 Troy Churton, Ōrākei Local Board
 Geoff Hounsell – Airways Corporation
 Fiona Lai – Puketāpapa Local Board
 Mark Allen – Waitākere Ranges Local Board
 Maria Meredith – Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board
 Kay Thomas – Whau Local Board
 Cath O'Brien – Airways Corporation

1. Opening Karakia

2. Meeting Quorum & Apologies

The Independent Chair addressed recent Auckland Airport personnel changes, introducing Jaynie Yang who will be undertaking the role of Secretariat alongside Caitlin Goodman. The Chair acknowledged the absence of Kylie Higgs and noted that her designated alternate, Nick Muller, was present. The Chair also formally welcomed Connie Rowe to the group as the replacement member for Helen Twose. Connie Rowe will be responsible for Communications and Stakeholder Relationships with Helen Twose as the designated alternate. The Independent Chair, once quorum was confirmed, declared the meeting opened at 1:00pm.

Apologies as listed on cover page 1 of these Minutes.

3. Public Forum

The Chair noted that no requests were received from the public to speak at or to observe the meeting.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 10 March 2025

Helen Futter questioned whether the draft minutes accurately reflected the Airport's position on revisiting previously installed noise reduction packages. Mark Laurenson stated that the terms of the Designation require AKL to offer packages to eligible homes before they fall into contours and to install them if the offer is accepted. Maintenance and operational costs fall to the landowner. The designation does not place any obligations on AKL to revisit packages. AKL will continue to monitor the scope of packages it offers and update the group if there is a change to the scope.

Action: Jaynie Yang to update the unconfirmed minutes to provide clarity in line with the above and then publish as confirmed March meeting minutes. A website link to the minutes will be sent to the group via email.

5. Identification of Conflicts of Interest for this Meeting

No conflicts with the matters listed for today's agenda were identified. Caitlin Goodman noted that the Code of Conduct and conflict-of-interest documents sent to members for electronic completion/return had not been completed by all members. The Chair requested these be completed and that members should notify the Secretariat if there is any difficulty in achieving that.

Action: Members who have not yet done so are requested to electronically sign the Code of Conduct (via Adobe) and complete the Conflicts of Interest Register (via Microsoft Forms). The Secretariat will follow up with individual reminders to ensure completion.

6. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Caitlin Goodman spoke to items 3, 5 and 19 in the Matters Arising paper circulated as part of the Meeting Pack. The Chair noted that many items had now been completed and reminded the group of the opportunity to ask questions.

In relation to items 8 and 9 Helen Futter reported she had tested the Council noise complaint process and had been appropriately directed to the dedicated noise line.

7. Upcoming Local Board Election Process

Councillor Alf Filipaina informed the group that by the end of November 2025, all Local Board representatives should be in place.

The Chair thanked the group for the improvement in meeting attendance.

8. Introduction to the draft AKL Master Plan

Andrea Marshall (Head of Environmental Planning and Sustainability) and Alessandra Tunno (Head of Aeronautical Infrastructure Planning) spoke to a slide presentation which summarised at a high-level the contents of the draft AKL Master Plan.

Andrea highlighted that, despite expectations of greater numbers of passengers, continued compliance with the aircraft noise contours in the Airport's designation was a key consideration in preparation of the draft Master Plan. This intention was positively received by the ANCCG. Andrea highlighted that the AKL Master Plan will be revisited on a five-yearly basis in future, which was also positively received by the ANCCG.

The following questions arose which were answered by either Andrea Marshall, Alessandra Tunno or Nick Muller:

- Have vertical take-offs/landings been considered? *There is currently insufficient information available to enable master planning for these movements. As with other relevant emerging technologies, this will be considered again when the Master Plan is reviewed.*
- What were the assumptions about sea-level rise? *Comprehensive modelling has been completed which provides a picture under different climate scenarios; the Master Plan is based on the worst-case scenario. That shows the Western end of the runway would be flooded in significant rainfall events. The proposed Northern Runway, at approximately 18 metres above sea level, is a key mitigation against climate change. The Master Plan also considers improved stormwater management, and design of this includes larger stormwater ponds, many kilometres of pipework and large holding ponds (a key issue in the 2023 event).*
- Has the effect of the increasing El Niño weather pattern on aircraft noise been taken into account? *Yes, but there is limited understanding of how the current wind patterns will be affected (the wind-direction split used to be 70/30 but is shifting to more like 60/40). Noise may approach the limits but at this time we anticipate 38 million passengers can be accommodated within the current designated contours.*
- Getting to 38 million passengers is effectively doubling the flights, won't that double the noise problem? *More passengers do not always equate to more flights and noise. It is dependent on a range of other factors, including aircraft size and timing of flights (noting penalties for night flights)*
- Will current fog forecasting be improved? *AKL relies on MetService information and predictions. Is the doubling of passenger numbers just at AKL or is it wider than that; to what extent can AKL take into account the capacity of other airports to respond to increased passenger numbers? (e.g. Hamilton airport)? AKL cannot make decisions relating to other airports. The draft Master Plan relates to Auckland Airport only.*
- Are there stepping stones in the Master Plan? *The Master Plan is presented in 5-year periods out to 2047. Further modelling will be completed at each 5-year point and the Master Plan updated accordingly.*
- Of the proposed 30,000-strong on-airport workforce, is it the intention to employ local residents as much as possible? *AKL conducts careers and job recruitment days and works with six local schools to encourage a pathway to employment on the airport precinct. It supports ARA Auckland Airport Jobs and Skills Hub which offers precinct employers support with training and recruitment. ARA also offers on-the-job trade training for secondary and tertiary students, many of which go on to jobs with construction companies working on the airport development. Feedback suggests transport to the airport is a big constraint for local workers (a large amount of feedback on the Master Plan has related to employment and traffic issues). Alf Filipaina offered to help liaise with Auckland Transport ("AT") on the transport facilitation matter.*
- Were there historical limits on widening Pukaki Bridge? Has mana whenua had input into issues associated with the bridge crossing? *There is a 1992 agreement between AKL, Te Ākitai and the equivalents of AT and Watercare that limited the crossing of Pukaki Creek to one bridge with 2 lanes.*

There was discussion about the potential for the agreement to be amended and to provide for a new bridge and a mass rapid transit corridor.

The Chair gave thanks for the presentation and encouraged members to individually make submissions and to encourage their communities to make submissions as part of the current Master Plan public consultation process. *[a link was placed into the meeting chat function to allow members to make formal feedback on the Master Plan]*. The Chair asked that the feedback provided during the discussion be summarised and submitted on behalf of the ANCCG, with at least one community representative to check the summary before it is filed.

Action: Jaynie Yang to summarise the key feedback most relevant to the purpose of the ANCCG in conjunction with the community representatives and submit it to AKL.

9. Quarterly Aircraft Noise Report

Steve Peakall from Marshall Day Acoustics (“MDA”) spoke to the Main Report and reminded the group of the Supplementary Report containing further detail.

Mark Easson questioned why the group was not giving specific consideration to the flight path diagrams in the Supplementary Report, as they should be a measure of how effective this group is being to reduce noise. Steve Peakall noted that he presented the Main Report as it set out the requirements under the designation and that the flight path diagrams were not required under the designation. The Chair welcomed questions on both the Main Report and the Supplementary Report.

Mark Easson questioned if certain flights were missing from flight paths shown in the two night-time diagrams in the Supplementary Report pages 6 and 8 (“Figure 3: ... Busy Runway 23L ... (10pm-7am)” and “Figure 5: ... Busy Runway 05R ... (10pm-7am)”). Steve Peakall explained that figures 3 and 5 show the busiest day and night, and that some blue departures lines in Figure 5 appeared to terminate over Ellerslie, which is an issue MDA would need to investigate (they are a direct Casper output).

Nick Muller advised that USA flights would all have departed by 10pm with the flights that leave after 10pm typically being to Asian destinations.

Airways were not able to input initially as Karl Taylor had dropped out of the call due to poor coverage. Karl rejoined shortly after and confirmed that USA flights depart by around 8pm with no flights typically departing to the north-east after 10pm.

When asked about “2am freighters from Melbourne or Sydney”, Nick Muller answered that although there may be a couple over the city, none of those would be after 1am, and that freighters were more likely to go over Ardmore. Karl Taylor confirmed that freighters between 1am and 6am are diverted away from the city.

Action: MDA to investigate why some blue departures lines in Figure 5 appeared to terminate over Ellerslie.

10. Quarterly Noise Reduction Report

Mark Laurensen spoke to the Report, including updating that a further three covenants have been registered since the report was prepared on 19 May. Questions and answers were as follows:

- Helen Futter: how big is the deposit for MANA homeowners and why is it imposed? *\$200 (not applicable to those eligible for Charitable Trust funding), is imposed to encourage homeowners to commit to the process. Homeowners often commence the process but do not continue after AKL incur has incurred costs.*
- Helen Futter: does AKL inform candidates of funding available to them via the Charitable Trust? *Yes.*
- Helen Futter: how have government changes to schemes, such as the high-end health users’ card, affected eligibility to the AACT? *Eligibility for AACT grants can be through various means, including but not limited to government schemes such as community services cards and high-end health user cards. We anticipate changes to government welfare schemes will not affect homeowner eligibility for AACT grants.*

- The Chair: can we report uptake via percentages of total eligibility. *Annual report will consolidate learnings and will be provided at the next ANCCG meeting.*
- The Chair: suggest presentation of a dashboard to show progress. *Uncertainty regarding eligible properties number has affected ability to do this recently but AIAL will reconsider.*
- The Chair: what is the input on this from iwi? *Andrea Marshall: no noise issues have been raised to date in kaitiaki or governance level hui nor through the Master Plan engagement process.*

11. Annual Review of Noise Monitor Locations

Caitlin Goodman spoke to the memo in the materials pack. Questions and answers were as follows:

- Bruce Kendall (supported by Malcolm Bell)? why is the Flatbush monitor not permanent *AKL places permanent monitors in the positions required under the Designation and has other monitors that can be located in areas of concern and later removed once concerns have been answered with that data.*
- Helen Futter: are we not being given correlations for the supplementary monitors, and how badly off-calibration was the Wiri monitor? *Steve Peakall: Correlation data is available from Casper but hasn't been analysed or reported for the Wiri monitor. This is to be provided at the next meeting.*
- Helen Futter: are we getting “bang for our buck” from the temporary monitors? *Steve Peakall: he would expect correlations for temporary monitors to be lower due to their locations.*
- Helen Futter: it would be helpful to get correlation percentages available for all the temporary monitors. The Chair suggested correlation percentages be available for the next meeting.

Action: MDA to include specific correlation percentages for temporary monitors in the next meeting report.

12. Annual Review of Current and Potential Future Noise Reduction Initiatives

Caitlin Goodman spoke to a range of initiatives undertaken or identified to be explored in the last year.

Mark Easson asked for clarification if there had been a change in wording from “...between 0100...” to now read “...between 0130...”. Karl Taylor responded that he understood it was always 0130.

The Chair thanked Caitlin Goodman for the update.

13. Update of Terms of Reference Alteration

Mark Laurensen stated that the Terms of Reference (agreed at the last meeting) had been submitted to Council and that Council had confirmed the changes. The Chair asked if the Designation would require a formal alteration due to the naming of the Prices Road monitor.

Post Meeting Note – The designation requires AIAL to monitor and report on noise from Aircraft Operations at a minimum of three locations associated with the existing runway. Locations to be as near as practicable to the boundary of the HANA. There are otherwise no requirements for particular locations and the monitor can be relocated as intended in line with the designation.

14. Glossary of Terms - Verbal Update

Jaynie Yang stated that an updated version of the Glossary (with Track Changes showing) will be circulated to subject matter experts such as Marshall Day Acoustics and Airways. The final copy will be made available to ANCCG members. The Chair invited members to alert Jaynie Yang of anything needing adding or altering that would support new members of ANCCG with their understanding of different concepts, particularly given the renewal of membership as terms expire.

Action: Jaynie Yang to circulate updated Glossary to subject matter experts. for feedback and to invite Committee members to highlight any concepts that would be useful in the Glossary that are not already covered.



15. Any Other Business

It was noted that the terms for the Community Representatives Helen Futter, Heather Haylock and Mark Easson are due to expire in October 2025, and that it is unclear whether it is possible for them to extend for another term, or whether the roles needed to be advertised publicly.

The Chair asked AIAL to undertake some research between now and October regarding the appointment process and invited the Community Representatives to liaise with Caitlin Goodman and advise of their views. Committee members noted the potential to advertise publicly.

The Chair noted that Kylie Higgs has resigned from AIAL (with Nick Muller being her alternate for today) and, on behalf of ANCCG, thanked her for her helpful service to the group.

Actions: 1: AKL to investigate the rules around terms and appointment of Community Representatives.

2: AKL to liaise with Community Representatives to discuss next steps.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting with Karakia.

Closing Karakia

Meeting closed: 2.58pm

Next meeting: 8 September 2025