

Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee held at Queenstown Airport Monday 1 March 2021

Present:Jane Taylor (Chair)Clayton Lightfoot (Airways) via video conferencePatrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ) via video conferenceGreg Miller (Community Representative)Grant Stewart (General Aviation)Colin Keel (QAC CEO)Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property & Planning)

Apologies:Steve McIsaac (Community Representative)Alana Standish (QLDC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

2. Residents to Address QALC

There were no residents wishing to address the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 30 November 2020 were approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- Recording Grant Stewart as present
- Recording Greg Miller as an apology
- Amending the date in item 4.1 from October 2021 to October 2020.

3a. Actions and progress status from this and previous meetings

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2019/20	After new representation on the Committee is finalised, noise training sessions will be organised, which would also be open to all members. Rachel to action.	Ongoing	Open
2019/20	QAC to progress the real estate agent training initiative (info pack and evening). Rachel to action	Ongoing	Open

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1 Mar 21	Enquiry received 12 February 2021 to be responded to.	Completed	Closed
1 Mar 21	Draft 2022-2024 Statement of Intent to be circulated to the Committee	Completed	Closed
1 Mar 21	The 2020 Compliance Annual Air Noise Contours full report to be circulated to the Committee. The report has also been made available on the Queenstown Airport Corporation website.	Completed	Closed

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Aircraft Activities

The scheduled airline landings, helicopter landings, and fixed wing landings for the three-month period to the end of February 2021 were presented and noted.

4.2 Unplanned engine testing

On 28 November 2020 there was an Air New Zealand A320 that required onstand idle engine testing for approximately 5 minutes.

4.3 Complaints register summary

One new noise enquiry was received on 12 February 2021. This enquiry is still to be responded to. This is to be added to the actions and progress status from the previous meeting.

5. Operational Report

The Operational Report was taken as read. It was noted that the draft Statement of Intent (SOI) was relevant to the Committee as it includes 3-year forecast projections. It was requested that once available that this document be circulated to the Committee.

5.1 Noise contours

The Committee received the 2020 Compliance Annual Air Noise Contours (CAANC), and noted that compliance was achieved for the 2020 calendar year. The Committee requested that the full report be circulated. The full report will also be made available on the Queenstown Airport Corporation website.

5.2 Noise Management Plan

Interviews are progressing for the two community representative positions for Frankton and Shotover County/Lake Hayes Estate. The Frankton representative is close to being able to be appointed.

5.3 Noise Mitigation Programme

The projected contours show that as expected the Air Noise Boundary (ANB) has retracted, resulting in no noise mitigation required for any homes within this boundary. However, the mid noise boundary, whilst having significantly retracted, anticipates approximately 15 homes requiring mitigation. QAC is

required to make offers to those homes, and confirmed to the Committee that offers were made pre-COVID. These homes require partial mitigation (mechanical ventilation), funded 75% by QAC, 25% by the homeowner.

6. General Business

Colin Keel provided a brief commentary on QAC's interim results; its COVID response to provide support to Queenstown and Wanaka Airport tenants; and the current capital programme – specifically the Queenstown Airport Terminal Upgrade Programme to address passenger screening and seismic upgrades.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Date of next meeting -

• 6.15pm, Tuesday 4th May, 2021







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Project: Queenstown Airport 2020 Noise Compliance Report

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The busiest three months for aircraft movements in 2020 were therefore January, February and March. A summary of the movement data input into the Integrated Noise Model (INM) used to produce the 2020 Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (AANC) is provided in section 3.2 of this report.

3.2 Modelling Methodology

To ensure consistency with the noise boundaries in the QLDP and in accordance with the Noise Management Plan, noise compliance contouring has previously been confirmed by the QALC (in 2015) to be calculated using version 7a of the Integrated Noise Model (INM) developed by the US Federal Aviation Authority.

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The 2020 AANC, prepared using the methodology described above, is shown in Figure 1 Appendix B.

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The following sections detail the noise measurement programme and the derived adjustments. Section 5 reports the 2020 Compliance AANC.

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The difference of at least -1 dB at all three measurement locations in the last 2018 NMR shows that the measured values are generally 1 dB less than the calculated values (in this case this was the 2018 AANC contours). This difference of -1dB at each location is still regarded as showing very good



correlation between the measured and modelled noise levels, nevertheless an overall -1 dB adjustment is again recommended to the AANC to form the 'Compliance AANC'.

5.0 2020 COMPLIANCE ANNUAL AIRCRAFT NOISE CONTOUR (CAANC)

The Compliance AANC (CAANC) are obtained after the adjustments derived in the previous section are applied to the 2020 AANC.

The 2020 CAANC, prepared using the methodology described above, is shown in Figure 2 Appendix B. The 2020 CAANC demonstrates 2020 aircraft operations comply with the 65 dB L_{dn} Airnoise Boundary and 55 dB L_{dn} Outer Control Boundary.

Based on the observed number of movements in the remaining months of 2020, community noise levels would be significantly lower than detailed in this report at these times, primarily due to the impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

6.0 2020 PROJECTED ANNUAL AIRCRAFT NOISE CONTOUR (PAANC)

Once the CAANC are produced, then in accordance with Rule D1.14 the Projected AANC (PAANC) can be prepared. This requires QAC to provide future year growth estimates so that these can be applied to the CAANC to produce the PAANC.

For this 2020 NMR, the 2020 CAANC provides the baseline for the 2020 (2021) PAANC. This shows the projected contours for 2021, based on the 2020 CAANC but with some future growth applied.

Figure 3 Appendix B shows the 2020 (2021) PAANC.

As can be seen, the 2020 (2021) PAANC are significantly smaller in extent than the 2020 CAANC. This is entirely due to the impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lack of domestic and international travel that is projected for 2021 because of Government initiated travel restrictions. This means there is a reduction in travel compared with the early parts of 2020. That is, significant negative growth is projected to occur.

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Noise	A sound that is unwanted by, or distracting to, the receiver.
dBA	The unit of sound level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter (A-weighted) so as to more closely approximate the frequency bias of the human ear.
A-weighting	The process by which noise levels are corrected to account for the non-linear frequency response of the human ear.
L _{dn}	The day night noise level which is calculated from the 24 hour L_{Aeq} with a 10 dB penalty applied to the night-time (2200-0700 hours) L_{Aeq} .
SEL or L _{AE}	<u>Sound Exposure Level</u> The sound level of one second duration which has the same amount of energy as the actual noise event measured.
	Usually used to measure the sound energy of a particular event, such as a train pass- by or an aircraft flyover
NZS 6805:1992	New Zealand Standard NZS 6805:1992 <i>"Airport Noise Management and Land Use Planning"</i>



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APPENDIX C CALCULATION OF LDN

The graphs below show how L_{dn} is calculated. The average hourly aircraft noise level (L_{Aeq}) is determined and a 10 decibel penalty applied to night time aircraft events (10pm-7am). The average of the hourly L_{Aeq} values is determined over a 24 hour period which then gives the L_{dn} .

The first graph shows an hour's worth of L_{Aeq} data. From this, the data which corresponds to aircraft noise is identified and the 1 hour L_{Aeq} noise level from aircraft noise is calculated. This 1 hour aircraft L_{Aeq} represents one of the bars on the second graph. After applying the 10 dB Penalty to night-time hours, all of the bars on the second graph are then averaged to calculate the overall daily L_{dn} value. For Queenstown Airport the noise limits are based on the busiest consecutive 3 months of aircraft movements and hence the L_{dn} is also based on a value averaged over this busiest 3 months.





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1. Welcome

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2019/20	QAC to progress the real estate agent training initiative (info pack and evening). Rachel to action	Ongoing	Open
May 2021	Present the 2021 Projected Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (PAANC)	At August 2021 meeting	Open

3a. Actions and progress status from this and previous meetings

May 2021	Rachel to make contact with the Chair of	Ongoing	Open
	the Lake Hayes & Shotover Country		
	Community Association re a community		
	representative.		

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Aircraft Activities

The scheduled airline landings, helicopter landings, and fixed wing landings for the two-month period to the end of April 2021 were presented. It was noted that the Trans-Tasman bubble opened on 19 April 2021.

4.2 Unplanned engine testing None

4.3 Complaints register summary

There were two complaints regarding GA activity from Shotover Country residents. Initial indications show that these flights were using the correct path. These complaints will remain on the register for the next meeting to show QAC response.

5. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

5.1 Noise contours

The 2021 Projected Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (PAANC) showing the anticipated contours for the 2021 calendar year are currently being prepared based on the latest forecasts, taking into account the opening of the trans-Tasman bubble. These will be presented at the August 2021 meeting.

5.2 Noise Management Plan

The Frankton community representative will soon be appointed. The Shotover County/Lake Hayes Estate community representative position is being readvertised. Rachel to make contact with the Chair of the Lake Hayes & Shotover Country Community Association.

5.3 Noise Mitigation Programme

Lee Summer, from The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG) introduced himself to the committee. TBIG has been appointed by QAC to work on the Noise Mitigation Programme.

TBIG has commenced a review of the project status including due diligence of existing properties to understand any residual matters needing to be closed out. TBIG will also assist QAC with communications planning, budgeting for the next phase of works and updated procurement processes to continue with implementation. A more in-depth report on status and progress will be made at the August 2021 meeting.

6. General Business

The Chair noted that QAC Chief Executive Colin Keel will be leaving the business at the end of June 2021, and she thanked Colin on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Date of next meeting - 6.15pm, Wednesday 11 August 2021







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Once the CAANC are produced, then in accordance with Rule D1.14 the Projected AANC (PAANC) can be prepared. This requires QAC to provide future year growth estimates so that these can be applied to the CAANC to produce the PAANC.

For this 2020 NMR, the 2020 CAANC provides the baseline for the 2020 (2021) PAANC. This shows the projected contours for 2021, based on the 2020 CAANC but with some future growth applied.

Figure 3 Appendix B shows the 2020 (2021) PAANC.

As can be seen, the 2020 (2021) PAANC are significantly smaller in extent than the 2020 CAANC. This is entirely due to the impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lack of domestic and international travel that is projected for 2021 because of Government initiated travel restrictions. This means there is a reduction in travel compared with the early parts of 2020. That is, significant negative growth is projected to occur.

APPENDIX A GLOSSARY OF TERMINOLOGY

Noise	A sound that is unwanted by, or distracting to, the receiver.
dBA	The unit of sound level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter (A-weighted) so as to more closely approximate the frequency bias of the human ear.
A-weighting	The process by which noise levels are corrected to account for the non-linear frequency response of the human ear.
L _{dn}	The day night noise level which is calculated from the 24 hour L_{Aeq} with a 10 dB penalty applied to the night-time (2200-0700 hours) L_{Aeq} .
SEL or L _{AE}	Sound Exposure Level The sound level of one second duration which has the same amount of energy as the actual noise event measured.
	Usually used to measure the sound energy of a particular event, such as a train pass- by or an aircraft flyover
NZS 6805:1992	New Zealand Standard NZS 6805:1992 <i>"Airport Noise Management and Land Use Planning"</i>



APPENDIX B FIGURES









APPENDIX C CALCULATION OF LDN

The graphs below show how L_{dn} is calculated. The average hourly aircraft noise level (L_{Aeq}) is determined and a 10 decibel penalty applied to night time aircraft events (10pm-7am). The average of the hourly L_{Aeq} values is determined over a 24 hour period which then gives the L_{dn} .

The first graph shows an hour's worth of L_{Aeq} data. From this, the data which corresponds to aircraft noise is identified and the 1 hour L_{Aeq} noise level from aircraft noise is calculated. This 1 hour aircraft L_{Aeq} represents one of the bars on the second graph. After applying the 10 dB Penalty to night-time hours, all of the bars on the second graph are then averaged to calculate the overall daily L_{dn} value. For Queenstown Airport the noise limits are based on the busiest consecutive 3 months of aircraft movements and hence the L_{dn} is also based on a value averaged over this busiest 3 months.





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