

## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

SR462159 & SRI455891

### NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT: WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

#### MINUTE 3 OF INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. This Minute relates to the further expert witness conferencing post the adjournment of the hearing on Friday 21 May 2021. It also sets the timetable moving forward.

#### POST-HEARING CONFERENCING

2. We have asked the parties to undertake post-hearing conferencing in relation to urban design, landscape and planning.
3. We direct that the attendees at the urban design and landscape conferencing are Dr Boffa and Ms Simpson. Mr Kyle and Mr Ashby should also attend the urban design and landscape conferencing to assist and agree on (if possible) with any drafting that is required. In addition, the parties can include discussions with Mr Read regarding lighting matters. If Mr Ashby requires any input from the Council in-house lighting expert, that is permitted. It is not expected that Mr Read or the Council expert need to attend conferencing. Their input is limited to assisting the urban design / landscape experts with regard to technical lighting matters.
4. We direct the following matters are to be discussed at the conference:
  - (a) The thresholds for not supplying an Outline Plan;
  - (b) The use of design principles versus the design guide approach for the Main Site Area (**MSA**) as it affects the various precincts within that Site;
  - (c) The certification versus comments approach in respect to various management plans on the East Site Area (**ESA**);
  - (d) How to manage lighting and glare from inside buildings for both the ESA and the MSA;
  - (e) Relationship of the ESA development to staging and development of the MSA as it affects the removal of the hillock;
  - (f) Rongotai Ridge Precinct – inclusion or not in the MSA designation;

- (g) Advertising Signage/billboards in the ESA – permissible or not; and
  - (h) Site layout in the ESA in terms of its effect on the ability to accommodate a low impact stormwater design.
5. The output of the conferencing is to be a Joint Witness Statement of all those attending conferencing (so this includes Mr Kyle and Mr Ashby) which sets out agreements and/or disagreements (including any revisions to conditions) over but not limited to matters (a) – (h) above, and in particular:
- (a) Any changes to the thresholds for outline plan exemptions for both ESA and the MSA;
  - (b) Any changes to bulk and location conditions for both the ESA and MSA;
  - (c) Any changes to the Management Plan framework and outline plan approach for the ESA;
  - (d) Any change to the compliance approach to lighting on both the ESA and the MSA;
  - (e) Any need for an indicative layout /structure plan and staging for both the ESA and the MDA;
  - (f) Any reduction in areas to be designated for both the ESA and MSA.
6. In relation to post-hearing conferencing for planning we direct that this is attended by Mr Kyle and Mr Ashby only. There is only one matter that we direct be discussed and that is in relation to Chapter 10 of the District Plan – Airport and Golf Course Recreation Precinct (**Precinct**). In particular, the planners should discuss the following:
- (a) The relevance of the objectives, policies and methods of the Golf Course Recreation Area within the Precinct to noise effects (including noise effects as they pertain to amenity values); and
  - (b) Whether the framework of objectives and policies in the Precinct is still capable of being meaningfully intact in the event that the Designation for the ESA is confirmed; specifically, given there is approximately a 80% reduction in the physical buffer between the Airport and the residential areas in Bunker Way. Related to this, will the prescribed method of providing a buffer between the Airport activities and the Outer Residential Zone to the east retain its effectiveness in giving effect to the policies and objectives or

are there other mitigations that need to be considered along with the remaining physical buffer?

7. Further we refer to the oral submission presented to us by Mr Weir where he sets out at paragraphs [24] to [38] comments on his understanding of the golf course as a buffer. There are matters set out by Mr Weir that would be useful for the planners to discuss as part of their overall conferencing on this topic.
8. The output will be a JWS that sets out the agreements and/or disagreements in respect to the relevance and significance of the objectives and policies and methods in the Precinct of the ESA proposed designation in relation to the reduction of the buffer area currently provided by the golf course

#### **TIMING & NEXT STEPS**

9. As noted during the hearing Dr Palmer was unable to provide us with a written summary in relation to his comments on Ms Simpson's supplementary evidence presented at the hearing ((particularly in relation to the relevance of the WHO Report). We have given Dr Palmer leave to file this written statement by the **11 June 2021**.
10. The JWSs referred to in this minute are to be filed with the WCC administrator by 11 June 2021.
11. The Reply by WIAL is to be filed by 25 June 2021.
12. The WCC administrator can be reached at [planning.admin@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:planning.admin@wcc.govt.nz) or by ringing 04 499 4444.

**DATED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021



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