

Noise Mitigation Programme

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1.0 Introduction

This report provides an update on the Noise Mitigation Programme from October 2006 to April 2007. The report should be read in conjunction with previous Noise Mitigation Programme reports which provide details of the entire Programme and progress since October 2003. Reports are produced every six months.

The Noise Mitigation Programme provides for offers of acoustic treatment which are made to owners of various Activities Sensitive to Aircraft Noise (ASANs) in noise impacted areas around Auckland International Airport (AIA), under Condition 10 of Designation 231. This designation forms part of the Manukau District Plan.

AIAL's general requirements under the Programme fall into the following areas:

1. Existing Buildings subject to noise from Aircraft Operations;
2. Existing Buildings subject to Engine Testing Noise; and
3. New Buildings at Educational Facilities.

This report assumes that the reader is familiar with the terminology used in Designation 231 and for that reason definitions and terms from the designation and from the operative Manukau District Plan are used without further definition in this report.

2.0 Existing Buildings Subject to Noise from Aircraft Operations

The Airport Designation categorises three types of Existing Buildings:

- ? Educational Facilities
- ? Registered Pre-schools
- ? Others (predominately household units (referred to as dwellings in this report) but also includes child centres, hospitals, and rest homes etc).

AIAL is required to offer acoustic treatment to the owners of these Existing Buildings when the predicted noise level from aircraft operations reaches specified levels. In order to know when these offers should be made AIAL produces Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (AANCs). Progress with offers of acoustic treatment relating to each set of AANCs is outlined below.

2.1 Offers to Existing Dwellings

2.1.1 Offers relating to the 2004 AANCs

Under the 2004 AANCs, offers of acoustic treatment packages were made to the owners of 471 dwellings in March and April 2005. In March 2006 a further 23 offers were made to apartments on a property in Freemans Way who had not been included in the initial offer. All offers were open for 12 months and have now closed.

AIAL's offer was accepted for 47 properties. 45 of these properties are inside the Ldn 60 dBA contour and two are inside the Ldn 65 dBA contour. 38 of the properties are owned by Housing New Zealand. Work to install the acoustic treatment packages at these properties is proceeding.

2.1.2 Offers relating to the 2006 AANCs

Under the 2006 AANCs offers of acoustic treatment packages were made to the owners of 653 dwellings in October and November 2006. These offers are open for 12 months. To date 11 offers have been accepted and work to install the packages is proceeding.

2.1.3 Offers relating to the 2007 AANCs

The 2007 AANCs were published in February 2007. Under these contours offers were required to be made to the owners of 5 dwellings. These offers will be made on 24 April 2007 and are being sent to the homeowners by Manukau City Council using their ratepayer database. This is the same process as was used for previous offers. Offers are open for 12 months.

2.2 Existing Educational Facilities

Based on the 2004 AANCs, Puhinui Primary School qualified for an acoustic treatment offer in April 2005. This offer was accepted by the Ministry of Education. A package to be installed at the school has been developed and work is proceeding at the school.

Based on the 2006 AANCs, Redoubt North School, Clover Park Middle School and the South Auckland Seventh Day Adventist School received offers for acoustic treatment in October 2006. These offers were made on 20 October 2006. These offers are open for 12 months.

South Auckland Seventh Day Adventist School has accepted AIAL's offer and AIAL is now proceeding with developing the package that will be installed.

2.3 Existing Registered Preschools

Two existing registered preschools qualified for an acoustic treatment offer in April 2005. Offers were made to the owners of these properties on 21 April 2005 and AIAL visited both properties. Te Kohanga Reo O Te Rangimaria have accepted AIAL's offer. Details relating to the ownership of the land are currently being resolved.

Based on the 2006 AANCs one preschool qualified for an offer of acoustic treatment. This offer was made on 20 October 2006 and AIAL is currently awaiting a response from the owner.

3.0 Existing Buildings Subject to Engine Testing Noise

These offers were made to the owners of 13 Existing Buildings within the specified Ldn 57 Area in April 2004. Offers were open for one year. No offers were accepted and offers have now closed.

4.0 New Buildings at Educational Facilities

Under Conditions 10(k) & 10(m), AIAL is obligated to offer funding for acoustic treatment in new noise sensitive buildings at both existing and new public Educational Facilities in the MANA.

The requirement to make those offers is conditional on certification from the Ministry of Education. Basically AIAL's role is a reactionary one after advice from the MoE.

In the previous six months AIAL has not been required to provide any such funding. In previous years funding has been provided for new buildings at educational facilities as shown in the figure 2.

School Name	Details	Year
Redoubt North School	6 new classrooms	2004
Puhinui School	3 new classrooms plus a plant room to serve these and six existing classrooms (funded as new and existing educational facility)	2004
Papatoetoe South School	2 new classrooms	2005
Chapel Downs School (details below)	3 new classrooms plus new library (funded as new and existing educational facility)	2006

Figure 2. Educational facilities which have received new building funding from AIAL.

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