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Request for further information under section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Application number:	LUC60134603-A
Applicant:	Simon and Paula
Proposed activity(s):	To change conditions 10 and 12 of a consent relating to the number of permitted helicopter flights
Site address:	15 Cremorne Street, Herne Bay

Concerns

I note that a number of written approvals were obtained and submitted with the original proposal. Without these written approvals, there are potential affected persons, firstly at 3 River Terrace but possibly others as well (in particular 20 Cremorne Street). Please consider obtaining these.

Section 92 questions

I have undertaken a preliminary planning check of the above application. Under section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I request the following further information to enable an appropriate understanding of the proposal and assessment of its effects:

- Please clarify when referring to a proposed weekly average of 11 flights per week this is actually the maximum number of flights allowed to ensure compliance with 50 dB L_{dn} at or within sites containing dwellings that have not provided written approval.
- Please clarify if predicted L_{dn} levels provided in Table 1 are averaged over 7 consecutive days.
- Please provide predicted L_{dn} levels at the site boundary of 6 River Terrace and 10 Wairangi Street where written consents were not obtained.
- Please confirm the proposed maximum of 3 flights (or 6 movements) can occur on a single day and will not exceed 50 dB L_{dn} at or within sites containing dwellings that have not provided written approval.
- Please comment if the proposed maximum number of flights per week/per day are likely to occur and if not, please advise what the typical number of movements per week/per day are anticipated to be.
- Please provide noise monitoring results from field testing of an Air Bus H130T2 during landing, shut down, start up, ground idling, take-off and hovering (if available).
- Is helicopter manoeuvring close to the helipad under different wind speeds/directions likely to occur and if so how would this affect predicted L_{dn} levels.

- The AEE states compliance will be achieved with AUP (OP) E25.6.32 however the maximum noise level is not assessed in the acoustic report. Accordingly, please provide predicted LAFmax levels at affected receiver locations and if an infringement is predicted, an assessment of effects.
- Please comment on noise effects for users of public space, beach and shoreline areas given the proximity of these areas to the helipad.
- Please confirm that helicopters using the helipad will not fly directly over any dwelling when operating below 500 feet.
- Please advise the typical duration to descend from 500 feet to land and to ascend to 500 feet after take-off.
- The acoustic report does not comment on potential cumulative noise effects from consented helipads in the surrounding area. At least two consented helipads are known at 12 Cremorne Street and 64 Sentinel Street although there may be more.

You must provide this information within 15 working days. If you are unable to provide the information within 15 working days, then please contact the reporting planner named below so that an alternative timeframe can be mutually agreed.

If you do not respond within 15 working days, refuse to provide the information or do not meet an agreed alternative timeframe between Council and yourself, this application must be publicly notified as required by section 95C of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Under section 88C of the RMA, the processing of your application is suspended until the above matter(s) has/have been addressed, or the 15 working day time limit has expired.

If you have any queries, please contact Patrick Moss on 021728451 and quote the application number above.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Moss

Senior Planner