

Proposed Plan Modification 16 to the Auckland Council District Plan - Hauraki Gulf Islands Section - Part 13 Transport - Rule 13.8.2 (Helipads).

Amend the Auckland Council District Plan – Hauraki Gulf Islands section (HGI Plan) – Part 13 Transport – Rule 13.8.2 as detailed below:

~~Strikethrough~~ is to be read as a deletion ;
Underlining is to be read as an addition

Rule 13.8. Rules - helipads and airstrips Rule 13.8.2 Restricted Discretionary Activities

1. Amend Rule 13.8.2 Matters for Discretion

Matters for Discretion

When considering an application to establish a helipad or airstrip, the council has restricted its discretion to the following matters:*

- Noise and vibration effects
- The visual effect of any earthworks or retaining structures required to establish a helipad or airstrip

*The scope of consideration for the listed matters includes the policy directives of the NZCPS on ecological values, cultural values, natural character, amenity and recreational enjoyment which can be adversely affected by noise (as relevant).

2. Amend Rule 13.8.2 Assessment Criteria 1, 2 and 4; Add new assessment criteria X

Assessment criteria

When considering the above matters for discretion, the council will have regard to the following assessment criteria:

1. *The effects of noise and vibration received at or within the notional boundary of the noise sensitive activities;*
2. *The cumulative noise and vibration levels received at or within the notional boundary of any noise sensitive activity; generated by use of the proposed helipad or airstrip along with any other consented or permitted landing area;*
- X. *The effects of noise and vibration on natural and historic heritage including:*
 - Māori heritage sites, with particular regard given to NZCPS policy 2
 - sites of ecological significance, and breeding sites/ nesting areas of threatened, endangered, or rare species (particularly indigenous taxa) with particular regard to NZCPS policy 11
3. *The adverse visual or amenity effects resulting from the type and size of the facility to be provided.*

4. *Whether the noise and vibration generated by use of the proposed helipad or airstrip can be adequately mitigated so as not to give rise to adverse noise and amenity effects, including appropriate controls over:*
 - *the type of helicopter(s)*
 - *the flight procedure, (flight track / path, ground idling, hovering)*
 - *the hours of operation and frequency of movements*
 - *the location of helipad or airstrip.*
5. *Proposed consent conditions which provide for recording, monitoring, reporting and review.*