

Decision on a roll over Notice of a Designation by the Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited

Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan

In accordance with Resource Management Act 1991 (“RMA”) and the Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited (Airways) has received the recommendation of the Auckland Council regarding the notice to roll over a designation for a public work, being the ongoing operation and management of air navigation facilities across the Auckland region, into the Auckland Unitary Plan. Auckland Council’s recommendation follows recommendations from the Auckland Unitary Plan Independent Hearings panel.

2. The sites to which the requirements applies is as follows

- 2.1 The site to which the requirement applies are detailed within the schedule obtained in Attachment 1:
- 101 - Aerodrome communications facility, Scenic Drive, Waitakere

3. Minister’s Decision

- 3.1 Airways accepts Auckland Council’s recommendation in **full** to confirm the designation conditions and modifications. A complete list of the designation conditions are provided in Attachment 1 to this notice.

4. The Reasons for this decision

- 4.1 The designation is reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the Requiring Authority because it will authorise the ongoing operation and management of the communication facility, protects it for this purpose and identifies it as a public work. Secondly the designation is consistent with Part 2 (Purposes and Principles) of the Resource Management Act.

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Designation 101 – Aerodrome Communications Facility

Designation Number	101
Requiring Authority	Airways Corporation of New Zealand Ltd
Purpose of Designation	Aerodrome Purposes (Communications facility)
Location	600 Scenic Drive, Waitakere
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 137549, Part Lot 1 DP 37071 and Part Allotment 430 Parish of Waipareira

Conditions

1. To ensure that section 176A 3(f) of the Act has been adequately addressed, an outline plan shall include, as appropriate:
 - (a) A statement on the relevant Plan objectives, policies and rules;
 - (b) A statement on any adverse effects the works will have on the environment and the mitigation measures to be carried out;
 - (c) A visual impact and mitigation assessment where the proposed work is a new tower structure at Rua o tea Whenua Designation 8527 (as provided for in Condition 5(a))

Explanation:

While it is accepted that the project or works will be (or should be) in accordance with the designated purpose, the Council wishes to be reasonably assured that the specific works to be carried out will not unnecessarily compromise the objectives, policies and rules of the Plan or adversely affect the environment. The Council's principal opportunity to influence the works to assist the requiring authority to meet its environmental responsibilities is through the outline plan, and the assessment of compliance and effects will assist it in determining whether to request changes.

2. Appropriate sedimentation and erosion control measures shall be employed for any earthworks on the designated site.

Explanation:

The Plan outlines erosion and sediment control measures for earthworks which are above a certain threshold, with that threshold varying according to the particular environment. Compliance with these measures would generally satisfy condition. Note that major earthworks may require a consent from the council.

3. All development on the site shall be within the "defined development area" as defined on plan number AL20963 sheets 1 and 2.
 4. The maximum height of any development on the site shall be not more than 25 metres above ground level.
 5. Development which is additional to that on the site as at 1 February 2000 (which included a tower structure, three "slim-line" masts, the Airways Corporation equipment building and the Transpower repeater building) shall be limited to:
 - (a) The replacement of the existing tower structure with another facility, provided that when the new facility is completed and commissioned, the existing tower is decommissioned and demolished:
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- (b) Antennae attached to the existing tower or new tower (provided that these do not exceed the overall height limit);
 - (c) Up to four additional “slim-line” masts of similar design to the three existing masts;
 - (d) Accessory buildings with a maximum height of 4.5 metres; and
 - (e) The extension of the site access road
6. Native vegetation alteration (including removal) shall be restricted to:
- (a) Removal of vegetation from within the “defined development area”; and
 - (b) Removal or pruning of any vegetation which compromises the operation of the facility.

Explanation (Conditions 3-6:

It is noted that the site is also the subject of another designation (8527) and the above conditions apply to any development on the site. The site subject to this designation is visually prominent and substantially bush-clad. It contains communications facilities, including a dome radar tower, which have an important function for the region and beyond. The conditions are intended to provide for future development but to ensure such development is within a confined area of the site, and that natural and landscape values of the balance of the site are not compromised. The conditions are designed to allow the replacement of the existing dome radar tower, allowing the existing facility to continue to operate until the new facility is commissioned. The conditions are also intended to provide for the operation and limited expansion of other communications facilities on the site, specifically those for Airways Corporation and Transpower New Zealand Limited.

Attachment 2: Designation Plan

