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CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL BOARD RESOURCE CONSENT LEAD ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT TO VARY THE CONSENTED PATTERN OF HELICOPTER FLIGHT MOVEMENTS

Auckland Council has received a resource consent application for the site below. A copy of the application plans and Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) are attached. You are invited to make comments on the application as the Local Board Resource Consent Lead in relation to the notification determination. The comments you provide are not a determination, but are to be taken into account by the Council Planning Officer and the decision maker.

Date required by: 5pm Tuesday 2 June

Please note that if comments are not received by this date it will be assumed that you do not have any comments regarding this application. Please return this page only by email with copy to your PA Liaison. My email address is set out above for your information. Thank you.

STREET ADDRESS: 15 Cremorne Street, Herne Bay, Auckland 1011

APPLICATION NUMBER: LUC60134603-A

OVERALL CONSENT STATUS: Discretionary

Comments

Helicopter Noise can be, even when within regulatory limits, loud and intrusive and the reasoning behind limiting the number of journeys is to prevent life becoming intolerable for neighbours. It is possible that by altering the number of journeys in the consent it will significantly increase the number of actual journeys that are made. The rear of 15 Cremorne Street is directly adjacent to the Cremorne Reserve and more frequent helicopter use may mean more use during the Summer and weekends where the community will want to enjoy the beach. This proposal has a high chance of dramatically reducing the pleasure and calm quality of repose that those living in a residential neighbourhood have a right to expect and will have an effect on the community at

Local Board Guidelines

The notification decision relates purely to adverse effects on the environment and people.

Summary of Section 95 – Notification

Please note this is not an extract from the Resource Management Act, but a guide to provide understanding and context.

- *Public notification – Anybody can make a submission on the application, with a public notice placed in the written media and local residents receiving copies of the application.*
- *Limited notification – Specific sites/persons are considered adversely affected and only these owners/occupiers can make submissions.*
- *Non-notification – No third party can make a submission on the application.*

When considering public (full) notification, only the adverse effects on the environment can be considered. Council, however;

- 1. must disregard adverse effects on persons who own or occupy the subject site or land adjacent to the subject site.*
- 2. may disregard adverse effects if a rule permits an activity with that effect.*
- 3. must disregard trade competition effects.*
- 4. must disregard any effect on a person who has provided their written approval.*

If Council does not publicly notify an application, it must decide whether there are any adversely affected persons (limited notification). Council, however;

- 1. may disregard adverse effects if a rule permits an activity with that effect.*
- 2. must disregard any effect on a person who has provided their written approval.*

Comments

Therefore, when considering the above, your comments should ideally be limited to what adverse effects you think may occur from a particular proposal and why you think these adverse effects might occur. As Local Board representatives, you often have local knowledge which can be of benefit. Some examples:

I am concerned about traffic effects as vehicles often undertake U-turns at the traffic lights outside the subject site.

Or

I think the bulk and design of the additions really complement the existing building and match the character of the surrounding town centre. Therefore, I feel there are no adverse effects.

Issues such as general community concern or interest, and the right to public participation are not valid reasons under Section 95 to notify resource consent applications.

Note: A separate “comments form” is available for comments on notified applications.