

Dear Commissioner

I write to express my absolute non-confidence in Waikato District Council (WDC) Plan change process that they are promoting on behalf of Te Kowhai Aerodrome developers. This submission to extend the OLS subverts a Resource Consent process and grants land use rights well beyond the current use of the Aerodrome. WDC are conflicted in making this application as regional growth aspirations are being put ahead of ratepayers and landowners while the aerodrome developers hide in the shadows showing a complete lack of consultation about their intent. The impacts for our community are real; the damage to our environment will be measurable, and I call Commissioners to be bold and defer consideration of the OLS layer until developer's front up and show how they will mitigate the effects of intensification and development of a AIRPORT business in a rural environment.

I wish to add my endorsement to the widespread community concerns that there has been a complete lack of consultation throughout this planning process.

I delivered my submission to WDC last year and requested an opportunity to present to the hearing. This request appears to have been completely ignored. I have no correspondence from WDC acknowledging my request to attend the hearing as a directly affected landowner, nor have I been granted any opportunity to participate at the hearing which I believe is drawing to a close. If anything, I have only heard deafly silence. I don't even know if my submission has been presented to the Commissioners for consideration?

I would submit for the record that WDC or the Aerodrome developers have made no attempt to engage with me or consult in relation to their proposal since I purchased my property at 255 Collie Road, RD8 Te Kowhai in May 2020. I am directly affected by the proposed OLS layer.

I have not had a face to face discussion with any representative of the Aerodrome or WDC about this proposal or the potential affect it has on my property.

I would also add that the letter informing of the Public Open Day at Te Kowhai hall was received by post at midday on the day of the Open day. This was the very first time I had heard of this proposal and I had less than 2 hours' notice to digest the implication. How disrespectful, and illustrates the contempt shown toward our community.

As a directly affected landowner, I disregard any notion that I have been consulted with, if anything, the need to write this letter is further evidence of the inadequacy to which this planning process has treated us.

I would argue that it is a RMA requirement to inform those directly affected during the "supposed consultation" period, yet no-one has contacted me during the last 10 months. The "consultation process" has been manifestly flawed and sloppy since the get go. The threshold for consultation certainly has not been met in this instance and on this basis I would urge Commissioners to reject WDC plan change until genuine consultation is undertaken. At the very least there should be a requirement to speak to those directly affected?

I do acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Aerodrome developers referencing my submission to WDC, yet it COMPLETELY IGNORED to address any issues I raised in my submission regarding

environmental impacts or mitigation. I would add that the information provided by WDC at the Open day was that the OLS layer was able to be customised and altered to consider the natural ground features (hills) that protrude into the OLS layer and it made sense to avoid my property, yet this was completely refuted by the Aerodrome developers in their letter raising huge questions about the validity of the information we have been given.

This is not consultation; it was confusing and certainly does not show a genuine attempt to consult. Any hearing record that shows consultation with me as owner of 255 Collie Road, RD8 Te Kowhai is untruthful, misrepresentative and will be challenged. To date, WDC and the Aerodrome Developers have not spoken with me directly despite my request to participate in the hearing process, I am completely unclear as to what information can be relied on, WDC and Aerodrome messaging is not aligned and as a landowner I am left completely confused by a dysfunctional "consultation" process that raises more questions than answers.

I appreciate that WDC may have relied on email to contact me, but our rural internet is unreliable, it's certainly not fibre. I also provided postal address, phone numbers and mobile phone contacts with my submission. I regularly receive rates notices, dog registration bills, I have even been phoned by WDC staff, yet I have not been contacted about my submission, or provided an opportunity to attend the hearing. Where the follow up, my voice is being silenced?

I seek confirmation that my submission has been received by the Commissioners and read.

On the basis of this letter, I would urge the Commissioners to:

1. Reject the OLS layer application until such times that the sponsor can demonstrate they have met the threshold for consultation with those directly affected.
2. Reject the WDC proposal until the Aerodrome developers and WDC can agree on the details/facts at an open day and can articulate what their proposal means to those directly affected.
3. Reject the OLS proposal on the basis that the Aerodrome has not provided mitigation of effects that would be due process in any RMA application to intensify land use. The OLS extends into hill country making the OLS a nonsense

I look forward to your acknowledgement of this email

Kind regards

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