

From: [Jackson Morgan](#)
To: [Mark Benjamin](#)
Cc: [Hegley \(Hegley@acoustics.co.nz\)](#)
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response
Date: Friday, 13 May 2022 8:42:00 am
Attachments: [Letter.pdf](#)
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[Photos of Birds 38 Rawene Ave 2022.pdf](#)

Hi Mark,

The reviewer is Simon de Lisle (sdelisle@slrconsulting.com); however, the requests have been made by myself (with guidance from Simon) in order to better understand amenity effects for my notification assessment.

I've discussed further with Simon, who has suggested the following amendments to the requests. This might make these clearer, although I am happy to discuss with Nevil.

- a) Please comment on the predicted Ldn levels when compared to the **existing ambient** Ldn levels at receivers (in all directions, not just those located along Marine Parade) that are closer to the helipad than the horizontal distance travelled by the helicopter as it reaches 500 feet. **I'm effectively requesting Attachment B, but to the south-west, south and south-east.**
- b) Please provide **separate maps of** predicted LAeq,24h and LAFmax **contours within the aforementioned area.** ~~It is preferred these levels are expressed as separate LAeq and LAFmax contours if the noise model provides for this.~~

Note: The intention is to understand the scale and intensity of effects on adjacent properties and public spaces during a helicopter take-off and landing when noise would be clearly audible and noticeable in that moment relative to the existing noise environment.

As an aside, I have received the attached letter and appendices from Alan Webb, who is representing a group of neighbours. I would note in particular the comments regarding ecology and the species that have been documented to roost in the area.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 May 2022 12:18 pm
To: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Cc: Hegley (Hegley@acoustics.co.nz) <hegley@acoustics.co.nz>
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Hi Jackson,

Met with Nevil this morning and he will be preparing the requested acoustic information shortly. Initially though he would like to contact Council's reviewer to discuss the questions below to make sure the info being provided is what is being sought.

Can you please confirm who the reviewer is?

Thanks,

Mark

From: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 6 May 2022 3:19 pm
To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response

Afternoon Mark,

Appreciate your patience in waiting for these.

Please can I request the following to understand effects on amenity / character from helicopter noise:

- a. Please comment on the predicted Ldn levels when compared to the “community” Ldn levels (e.g. existing noise environment without the proposed helipad) within a horizontal distance equivalent to the points where a helicopter would ascend and descend from 500 feet *in all directions* where there are residential sites, i.e. not just those located along Marine Parade to the north-east.
- b) Please provide predicted LAeq and LAFmax noise levels within a horizontal distance equivalent to the points where a helicopter would ascend and descend from 500 feet. It is preferred these levels are expressed as separate LAeq and LAFmax contours if the noise model provides for this.

Note: The intention is to understand the scale and intensity of effects on adjacent properties and public spaces during a helicopter take-off and landing when noise would be clearly audible and noticeable in that moment relative to the existing noise environment.

I acknowledge that b) is outside the remit of the original s92 request letter.

Any questions, let me know.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Jackson Morgan

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2022 10:46 am

To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>

Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response

Hi Mark,

Good, thanks.

There's been a bit of back and forth with the acoustic specialist – I'm waiting on (hopefully final) confirmation. I've followed up just now.

As an aside, following recent internal discussion with staff, it has come to my attention that the ecology report does not address the NZCPS, in particular policies 11, 13 and 15. I've raised this with Council's ecologist, who has confirmed that the NZCPS should be addressed in the report. They've also noted the Conservation Status of the pied oystercatcher is 'At Risk – Declining' and variable oystercatcher is 'At Risk-Recovering' – both threatened species but the colony is not of national significance.

In light of the above, please can I request the ecology report be updated to provide assessment against the NZCPS where relevant.

I would note that policy 11 is worded quite strongly, in avoiding any adverse effects on indigenous taxa that are listed as threatened.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2022 10:08 am

To: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>

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Hi Jackson, how're things?
Any further updates on this application?
Did the noise specialist have any further queries?
Regards,
Mark

From: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 April 2022 12:23 pm
To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response

Hi Mark,
Thanks for sending this through – I have shared with the specialist. Note, I am currently discussing with the acoustic specialist and will likely be in touch with some further request(s). In terms of ecology, based on discussion with our Ecologist (Carol Bergquist Carol.Bergquist@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, 021 229 8544), I consider that adverse ecological effects would be more than minor for the following reasons:

- Disturbance from the helicopter would affect the wellbeing of birds that roost at the point, even if they can relocate during arrivals / departures. This could result in competition with other colonies at alternative roosting points, which themselves are not overly protected from disturbance, being man-made structures in many cases. This is reflected in the point being a preferred roosting spot.
- Existing disturbance from kayaking, walkers, boating etc is significantly less disturbing than a helicopter, partly due to the noise, but also the aerial path that a helicopter takes, which would cause greater alarm and distress for the birds.
- Birds will come and go frequently from the point, even during low-medium tides, and therefore can be subject to disturbance. Low-medium tides are simply when large numbers of birds are unlikely to roost, notwithstanding sunrise and sunset, when birds are likely to roost regardless of the tide.

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From: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 April 2022 3:45 pm
To: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response
Importance: High

Hi Jackson, hope you had a good long weekend.
Please see attached response from Hegley Acoustics to the matters raised in your email. In terms of Item 6 – Heletranz have advised that the take off procedure would be that the aircraft would not be started until all passengers were on board and ready to depart, so the likelihood of someone needing to go back inside after the aircraft was running is extremely low. Also from a safety perspective the pilot wants to minimise people moving near the aircraft whilst the engine is running / rotors are spinning.
Therefore – if someone was to need to exit the aircraft unexpectedly it would be shut down, not left idling.
Trust that the above and attached clarifies things but please contact me to discuss if necessary.

Regards,
Mark



From: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 April 2022 8:39 am
To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response

Hi Mark,

I've received the following additional comments from the noise specialist:

- Item 6: We note that an allowance of 30 seconds has been made from the start-up time before departure. Is there a chance that this could be extended due to an unforeseen event delaying the departure (eg a passenger going into the house to collect some forgotten luggage or to go to the toilet)?
If so, how would this extra time idling affect the noise levels predicted in the report?
- Item 7: Based on the noise contours in Attachment A of the Hegley letter, it appears that 50 dB Ldn is possibly exceeded in the north-west corner of the 34 Rawene Avenue property and the northern corner of the 29 Rawene Avenue property. Could the consultant please clarify this?

Ngā mihi,

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From: Jackson Morgan
Sent: Monday, 4 April 2022 7:24 am
To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere - s92 Response

Hi Mark,

Thanks for this. I'll share with the specialists and get back to you in due course.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 2 April 2022 12:39 pm
To: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
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Hi Jackson,

Please find attached the s92 response for this application.

Please contact me to discuss further once you and the Council specialists have reviewed.

Regards,

Mark

From: Jackson Morgan <jackson.morgan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 9 December 2021 3:29 pm

To: Mark Benjamin <MarkB@mhg.co.nz>

Subject: RE: LUC60389929 - 38 Rawene Avenue Westmere

Hi Mark,

Please see attached S92 request letter for this application.

Am I able to call you tomorrow afternoon to discuss?

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

Jackson Morgan

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