



**District Plan Committee meeting
Held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 9.00am
at West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, West Melton.**

Present: Mayor S Broughton (Chair), Councillors M Lemon, D Hasson, G Miller, C Watson, M Alexander, N Reid, B Mugford, P McEvedy, M Lyall, Mr D Ward (CEO Selwyn District Council), Ms T Wati (Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga), Mr H Matunga (Te Taumutu Rūnanga) and T Harris (Chair).

In attendance: Messrs.' J Burgess (Planning Manager), B Rhodes (Strategy & Policy Team Leader), S Hill (Business Relationship Manager), R Love (Strategy and Policy Planner), B Baird (Strategy and Policy Planner), A Mactier (Strategy and Policy Planner), Mesdames' J Ashley (District Plan Review Project Lead), J Lewes (Strategy and Policy Planner), R Carruthers (Strategy and Policy Planner), V Barker (Consultant Planner) and T Van der Velde (District Plan Administrator).

Standing Items:

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Councillors J Morten, J Bland and Mr P Skelton (Environment Canterbury) for absence and apologies received for lateness from Councillor G Miller, Mr D Ward and Mayor S Broughton.

Moved - Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** - Councillor Hasson

'That the apologies from Committee members Councillor J Morten, J Bland and Mr P Skelton for absence and Councillor G Miller, Mr D Ward and Mayor S Broughton for lateness, be received for information.'

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Deputations by Appointment

Nil.

4. Outstanding Issues Register

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Taken as read and accepted with amendment to Ms M McKay title to read (Te Taumutu Rūnanga).

Moved – Councillor Lemon / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

‘That the Committee confirms the minutes of the District Plan Committee held on 12 June 2019, as amended’.

CARRIED

6. Post Engagement Update Report on Preferred Options and Communications and Engagement Summary Plan for Noise and Vibration – NZDF West Melton Rifle Range

Mr Rhodes discussed the letter from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) that was circulated to the District Plan Committee (DPC) yesterday regarding the NZDF West Melton Rifle Range topic. The letter provided a background of the Rifle Range and reaffirms NZDF’s position for their preferred option which is option 4, the no complaints covenant. NZDF advised they will be commissioning a review of their noise assessment, which in turn will be peer reviewed by Council’s acoustic consultant.

The West Melton Rifle Range (WMRR) is currently designated for defence purposes. Mr Rhodes reiterated that in the District Plan there is a need to have extra protection as the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) identifies this site as regionally significant infrastructure, which requires protection from reverse sensitivity effects through the District Plan.

Four options were brought to the Committee back in April. Mr Rhodes summarised the options as:

- Option 1 - Objective and policy framework
- Option 2 - New extended designation and associated land use controls
- Option 3 - Acoustic attenuation
- Option 4 - No complaints covenant

Option 4, the no complaints covenant was endorsed by DPC for further development and engagement and this was NZDF’s preferred option. The no complaints covenant would apply to any new sensitive activity or subdivisions (within the Ldn 55 contour) and to attain permitted activity status affected landowners would have to go through a no complaint covenant process in favour of the NZDF, waiving right for complaints.

Consultation was undertaken with landowners within the Ldn 55 contour. As per report a high number of feedback was received from landowners, the majority of which was overwhelmingly against the no complaints covenant approach. In addition, landowners raised issues around clarity of the baseline effects, potential escalation of development at the WMRR, a heavy handed approach, an extra cost to landowners and some raised issues around the reliability of data.

For those who offered an alternative, the status quo was the most supported. Of the options put forward to fulfil Council's obligations under the RPS, option 3 was the next most supported option.

Given the feedback received and lack of clarity of what the use of the Rifle Range might be in the future under a fairly broad designation, Mr Rhodes recommended that option 4 is no longer pursued and that option 3 is now endorsed.

Mr Rhodes added it may become a two tiered approach to protect the Range including:
- Avoiding new noise sensitive activities within the Ldn 65 contour; and
- Requirement for acoustic attenuation of new noise-sensitive developments between the Ldn 55 and 65 contours.

Mr Rhodes reiterated that option 3 does protect the Rifle Range and that this option is consistent with other approaches throughout the District Plan.

NZDF still support option 4 and have the ability to pursue their preferred option of no-complaints covenant by way of submission. It was noted anyone can place a submission on the endorsed option.

A Committee member expressed his support for the recommendation.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** - Councillor Lemon.

Recommendation

- a) *"That the Committee notes the report".*
- b) *"That the Preferred Option for the NZDF West Melton Rifle Range of no-complaints covenant (Option 4) previously endorsed by DPC not be progressed and instead that acoustic attenuation (Option 3) be progressed to the 'Drafting and Section 32 Evaluation Phase. In conjunction with this, placing notes on titles (where possible) or LIMS is recommended as a further measure to advise of the provisions that apply".*
- c) *"That the Committee notes the updated Communications and Engagement Summary Plan".*

CARRIED

'The District Plan Review Committee Meeting finished at 9.12am, with the District Plan Committee Workshop commencing at 9.15am.'

Confirmed 24 July 2019