

Plan Change 35 – Queenstown Airport Company Private Plan Change

Queenstown Lakes District Council gives public notice as of 27 January 2010 that it has received the following Private Plan Change to the Operative District Plan: Plan Change 35: Queenstown Airport Company Private Plan Change. The plan change was “adopted in part” by Council on 16 December 2009. The proposal to provide for night time flight arrivals from 10 pm to 12 am has been “accepted” by Council.

The purpose of the Plan Change is:

To amend the existing air noise boundaries and associated planning provisions in the District Plan in order to provide for the future growth of the Queenstown Airport. In summary, Plan Change 35 proposes to:

1. Extend the existing 65dBA Air Noise Boundary and 55dBA Outer Control Boundary;
2. Include a new Ldn 58 Sound Insulation Boundary;
3. Introduce a new night time noise boundary to enable aircraft arrivals through to 12 am;
4. Introduce a number of new objectives, policies and rules to the District Plan to protect the Airport against reverse sensitivity effects.

The proposed changes to the Operative Queenstown Lakes District Plan will include new provisions to prohibit new activities sensitive to aircraft noise within the Rural General, Industrial, Business, and Frankton Flats zones, and further provisions to mitigate any potential adverse effects of the plan change on activities sensitive to aircraft noise.

How can I find out more about these plan changes?

Copies of the plan changes can be viewed at the following locations or downloaded from the council’s website:

- Queenstown Lakes District Council offices during normal office hours at 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown;
- Queenstown Public Library, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown;
- Arrowtown Library, 58 Buckingham Street, Arrowtown;
- Lakes Environmental, Shotover Street, Queenstown
- Queenstown Lakes District Council website: www.qldc.govt.nz – under District Plan Changes.

Make a Submission

Any person may make a submission to the proposed plan change. Submission forms are available from the above locations. The closing date for submissions for this plan change is **26 February 2010**. Submissions must be in writing and sent to:

Queenstown Lakes District Council
PO Box 50072
QUEENSTOWN
Attention: Karen Page

Or email karenp@qldc.govt.nz . Please place **plan change submission** in the subject line.

Making a Further Submission?

Following the receipt of public submissions, a summary of the submissions lodged will be prepared. This will then be publicly notified for further submissions. You can only make a further submission if you represent a relevant aspect of the public interest (e.g. a community association or environmental organisation) or if you have an interest in the Plan Change that is greater than the general public (e.g. the Plan Change affects your property rights).

What happens next?

After the close of further submissions, the council will appoint a hearing committee to assess the plan change and the submissions lodged to it. The committee will hold a public hearing to enable submitters to present their submissions.

Following deliberation, a decision will be issued by the council. Any person who was a submitter, or lodged a further submission, and who is not satisfied with the decision reached, can appeal that decision to the Environment Court.

Want more info?

For further information regarding this plan change please call Karen Page (03) 450 1715.

Download a copy of the council brochure "A Guide to Plan Changes in The Queenstown Lakes District" on the council website or pick up a copy from your local council office.

This notice is pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.