

7. PLAN CHANGE 13 TO CITY PLAN



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council notify Plan Change 13 to the City Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Plan Change 13 seeks to reduce the noise contours within the section of the Special Purpose Wigram Zone associated with the Wigram Airbase, to reflect the current aviation activity. This Plan Change is on the Council's list of priority Plan Changes.
3. The purpose for the Plan Change is threefold. Firstly, it will facilitate future residential development as the affected land will no longer be constrained by the presence of noise contours. Secondly, the Plan Change will better reflect the current level of operation experienced at the Wigram airfield. Thirdly, it has been identified that current noise contours in the City Plan are in error. A copy of the proposed Plan Change is attached to this report.
4. At its meeting on 12 September 2006, a seminar introducing the proposed plan change was presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. A public open day was also held on 13 September 2006. Property owners living in close proximity to land subject to the plan change were directed invited to attend and provide oral and written feedback on the proposal.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. A decision to notify the plan change is in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991. There are no financial implications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the attached assessment under section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (b) Publicly notify Plan Change 13 to the Christchurch City Plan.