

Noise

We are reviewing and updating our current District Plan – looking ahead to the next 10 to 15 years. The Kaipara District Plan is essentially the ‘rule book’, which is applied to manage development, activities and the environment within the district.

The District Plan influences the future shape and feel of our district, which is why it’s important for Kaipara communities to be informed and get involved. Its purpose is to protect our environment, historic locations and cultural tāonga for future generations, through sustainable management of our resources, while supporting our communities to develop and grow.

We’re seeking input on our initial draft ahead of the statutory process, scheduled to commence in mid-2023. This Draft District Plan does not have any ‘legal weight’ and the Operative District Plan must continue to be relied upon.

Noise can impact on the amenity of the local environment and the health and wellbeing of people.



The Draft District Plan needs to manage noise levels from activities to be reasonable across the various zones and by specifically protecting noise sensitive activities, such as residential areas. This will ensure the effects of noise generation do not have any unreasonable detrimental impacts on the community’s health, wellbeing, character and amenity.

There will always be a tension between enabling noise-generating activities and those activities that are sensitive to noise. The Draft District Plan sets noise limits that are appropriate for the respective zones and for specific activities. The District Plan

also reduces the risk of noise generating activities being located near borders of noise sensitive areas by adding provisions for setbacks and buffers.

What are we proposing?

We are proposing simple and enabling noise provisions that are up to date and provide for a wide range of activities and their associated effects including more specific permitted activities, noise from temporary events, helicopter landing areas, construction noise, bird scaring devices and frost fans.

How much is changing?



NOT MUCH

A LOT

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The changes are moderate 5/10.

The same levels are mostly retained from the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013, but with more specific activities added to provide certainty about the noise effects generated from these activities.

Noise Key FAQs



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What will the noise levels be in my neighbourhood?

Depending on which zone you live in, the following noise levels are proposed for the respective zones:

Medium density residential Low density residential Large-lot residential Natural open space, rural lifestyle zone Open space Sport and active recreation zones	a. 7.00am to 10.00pm – 50dB LAeq (15 min) b. 10.00pm to 7.00am – 45dB LAeq (15 min) c. 10.00pm to 7.00am – 70dB LAFmax
Rural Production General Rural Māori Purpose Zones	a. 7.00am to 10.00pm – 55dB LAeq (15 min) b. 10.00pm to 7.00am – 40dB LAeq (15 min) c. 10.00pm to 7.00am – 70dB LAFmax
Light Industrial Zone	7.00am to 10.00pm – 65dB LAeq (15 min)
Heavy Industrial Zone, excluding the Maungatūroto Fonterra Dairy Factory site	All times – 75dB LAeq (15 min), with the exception of the Maungatūroto Fonterra Dairy Factory
Maungatūroto Fonterra Dairy Factory site	At all times 45dB LAeq; and 10pm – 7am (any day) 70dB LAFmax

If I am organising a temporary event, do the noise rules apply?

Yes, there will be noise standards which are proposed to apply to temporary events and depend on which zone the temporary event is located within.

If I am building a residential unit in the Commercial Zone, will I need to acoustically insulate?

Yes. We are proposing to ensure noise sensitive spaces in the commercial zone are designed, constructed, and maintained to ensure that internal noise levels reflect rooms designed for sleeping and other habitable rooms.



Summary

- The noise chapter provides simple and enabling provisions and makes it clearer what the noise levels are for particular activities.
- The noise levels for the respective zones are generally consistent with the requirements of the Operative District Plan.
- The noise provisions now provide for temporary events.

**We'd love to hear
your views:**

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