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As a quick update on other matters – after further discussion at the Ministry, we have decided some type of town hall engagement with the North Shore community is appropriate. This will aid in addressing any community concerns, and better inform those interested in the airport's future development plans. We also believe this will help the airport build good rapport with the community and, by natural extension, hopefully facilitate an ongoing understanding between all those involved. Before we finalise any details for town hall engagement, we will first seek your confirmation on a time and date that suit you.

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**Subject:** RE: North Shore Airport - application for Airport Authority Status

Hi John

No worries at all. Thank you for that information, and that would be fantastic if you could prepare a summary document as you describe. Do you have a rough idea on when we could expect that from you?

Cheers,  
Abi

**Abigail Wyatt**  
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Hi Abi,

Sorry, my turn to be slow to respond this time...

The Airport Master Plan is not a secret document and is essentially public. However, we appreciate it is a significant publication in magnitude and not necessarily that easy to digest. If you wish to circulate or publish information as to why North Shore Airport is applying to be granted Airport Authority status, may I suggest we provide some consolidated summary information that is a little more digestible while still showcasing the relevant points? If you think that is a satisfactory way forward, we will prepare that and share it with you.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Kind Regards

John Punshon  
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Tēna koe John

I apologise for the delay in getting back to you.

We have considered your request to bypass community consultation in light of it being sufficiently covered in the Auckland Unitary Operative Plan in Part. After some discussion at the Ministry, we have decided that separate community consultation, as it specifically relates to requiring Airport Authority Status, is necessary to provide those affected with an open, transparent process, and to engage with the most up-to-date residents living in the area about the proposed change.

While it is still early days, consultation is likely to take the form of letters to residents of the North Shore community, which will provide basic information about the proposed change, where they can go for more information, and how to make a submission if that is something they wish to do. Any other relevant stakeholders will also be contacted to make a submission. We will continue to keep you informed as we progress through consultation, if there are any changes and update you when we plan on going out to the community.

Lastly, in order to better inform the community on why North Shore Airport wants Airport Authority Status, which includes any intentions for future airport growth, we were wondering whether your Master Plan and/or other planning documents are public, or if they will likely soon be?

I would also like to mention here that any public opposition or negative feedback we receive does not necessarily mean you won't be approved for Airport Authority Status. We assess all cases on their individual merit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me further if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi  
Abi

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Dear Abi,

Thank you for your email of 7th July 2020.

Our apologies for the confusion in regard to the applicant. The applicant is North Shore Aero Club Inc. North Shore Airport is a brand of North Shore Aero Club Inc but not an independent legal entity.

The application to become an Airport Authority has been discussed with Auckland Council s 9(2)(a) during several of our meetings with them in regard to the AUP-OP, Structure Plan, etc. The matter has also been discussed with s 9(2)(a) in some detail and several other senior persons at Auckland Council are well aware including s 9(2)(a). Please find attached some documents (attachments 1 to 3) evidencing this.

In regard to our immediate neighbours, consultation with them has been by proxy of the AUP-OP process and therefore we have not consulted with them directly on the matter of the Airport Authority application. The AUP-OP process first saw public engagement in 2013. Since that initial public consultation engagement, there have been many public meetings, formal opportunities for consultation, submission periods and independent hearings. NSAC has made scores of submissions over the years and those submissions detail NSAs position and future plans, all of which have been publically available and critiqued throughout this process. This is further evidenced in the North Shore Airport Topic Report produced by Auckland Council in December 2017 which says:

*"It [the Topic Report] has been informed by the Future Urban Land Supply Strategy 2017(FULSS), Supporting Growth Programme 2016 (Transport for Future Urban Growth) submissions and hearing submitted by the North Shore Aero Club and other interested parties"*

Unfortunately, it is not practical to provide a summary schedule of the submissions, as the consultation process has spanned many years through multiple layered formal and informal processes, mostly interlinked with the AUP-OP process. I have taken the opportunity to attached a letter from Haines Planning for your reference which may prove helpful.

We are aware of the impending change in legislation including the proposed shift to a licensing framework. Having read the documentation, we support the proposed intent of the changes which aligns with North Shore management thinking and further underscores the reason and timeliness of this application. We are of a view to continue with the application under the current framework regardless of any changes, particularly as the timeframes for such changes are uncertain, and we are committed to continuing to implement best practise at North Shore Airport which is particularly relevant in the current environment. We will need to comply with future legislated changes and note that there will likely be a mechanism contained within the legislation for changing over the current approvals to the proposed when that occurs. We look forward to consulting with you on the matter in due course, although the majority of our opinion will likely be conveyed on our behalf by the New Zealand Airports Association.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further should you desire and would like to suggest we could arrange a Zoom meeting, or alternatively we could come meet with you in person in Wellington in the near future.

Kind Regards

John Punshon  
General Manager

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**Subject:** North Shore Airport - application for Airport Authority Status

Kia ora John and David

Thank you for sending through North Shore Airport's application for Airport Authority Status to the Ministry of Transport.

We have read through the application and have a couple initial questions which have to come to mind. We don't expect a formal response to these questions and would be happy to discuss further if required.

Who is applying?

It is unclear from your application who is applying for Airport Authority Status. I assume the entity you are applying under is the North Shore Aero Club (Inc.), being the owner and operator of the Airport? Your application references North Shore Airport, is that a legal entity in its own right, a trading name, or a separate business division of the Aero Club?

What consultation have you done?

Could you please clarify whether you have discussed your application for Airport Authority Status with immediate neighbours and Auckland Council? If so, it would be appreciated if you could you send us a brief outline of their feedback to you on the matter.

It has also been noted that you believe public consultation on the matter is not required as it was sufficiently covered during the progression of the AUP-OP. If at all possible, could you please attach a summary of submissions from that consultation process?

Are you aware of the impending legislation change?

The Ministry of Transport is currently working on a Bill to repeal and replace the Civil Aviation Act and Airport Authorities Act with an updated piece of legislation. As part of this project, we are currently consulting on some changes to the airport authority regime. The proposed change is a shift from the current authorisation framework to a licensing regime, which will clarify the rights, responsibilities and obligations of authorised airports. More information is contained in the attached consultation document. Although this is aimed at larger airports, we are happy to discuss the implications for smaller airports with you.

We look forward to your reply.

Ngā mihi  
Abi

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## Shrutika Shrivastava

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**From:** John Punshon <john@nsac.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 March 2021 3:36 pm  
**To:** Abi Wyatt  
**Cc:** Tom Forster  
**Subject:** RE: Questions on application for Airport Authority Status

Dear Abi,

Thank you for your email of 23rd March 2021. The questions raised require a more comprehensive answer than bullet points will facilitate. North Shore Airports Master Plan and potential runway extension is a complex and dynamic concept in which flexibility and adaption are key requirements to achieve the objectives of the airport while minimising impact to the community.

To better understand North Shore Airports approach, we must consider the impact of the Auckland Unitary Plan ('AUP') and specifically the 'Silverdale West Dairy Flat Industrial Area Structure Plan' on the surrounding area. The AUP, masterminded by Auckland Council and in conjunction with infrastructure providers such as Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, has determined the future housing availability and land use surrounding North Shore Airport. All surrounding land (with the exception of North Shore Aero Park) is earmarked for business and industrial use. Therefore, under the AUP, existing lifestyle residential properties will disappear to make way for said business and industrial redevelopment. The AUP specifies that there will be no houses surrounding North Shore Airport.

Furthermore, any airport expansion discussed in the Master Plan is indicative only. The layout, location and even the feasibility of all aspects of the plan are yet to be finalised. In fact, it will likely be several years before any firm intentions outside of our existing land boundaries are finalised. There could be design changes ranging from subtle to significant. With the advent of emerging technology over the next 30 years and the economic uncertainty in the current market place, it is also plausible that the plans could be scaled back overall.

Notwithstanding the above, it would be North Shore Airport's intent to leverage the AUP for development purposes. The areas into which any runway expansion would occur, as already mentioned, are designated for business and light industrial future urban use, NOT residential. The implications of the AUP are such that housing will be eliminated in the Dairy Flat area by the AUP. It is North Shore Airport's objective to ensure any airport expansion is confined to areas already rezoned under the AUP and thus eliminate any additional impact to housing altogether. In short, it is North Shore Airport's intent that there is a net zero impact on housing.

Effectively, the AUP has created the opportunity for the proposed expansion and by proxy of the AUP, the impact to the community caused by expansion of North Shore Airport is negated.

In relation to your question about accommodating Q300s on existing land, in theory this is feasible within the confines of the land we have. However, practicality would dictate an expansion to the South West.

All this said, it is important to note that the questions posed are not relevant to the granting of Airport Authority status in our opinion. Airport Authority status is not required to expand the airport, nor does the granting of Airport Authority status materially ease the difficulties in such an expansion. In other words, the two matters are not mutually exclusive and therefore should not be evaluated concurrently. North Shore Airport is providing comprehensive detail regarding its future expansion deliberations, by way of its Master Plan, in an exercise of transparency which is in keeping with the spirit of the Airport Authorities Act 1996.

We hope this adequately answers your questions and provides additional insight into the spirit of any development.

Kind Regards

John Punshon  
General Manager

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**Cc:** Tom Forster <t.forster@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Questions on application for Airport Authority Status  
**Importance:** High

Tēna koe John

I hope this email finds you well.

As part of our assessment of the North Shore Airport's application we have a number of questions.

1. What is the likely impact of the airport's expansion plans on current and future housing around the airport (i.e. how many houses in the vicinity of the airport will be required to be acquired).
2. We note that your current sealed runway is around 791 metres and that you have aspirations to serve turbo props in the future. Does the current airport land allow you to expand the runway to cater for say the Q300 including an appropriately sized RESA? If not, how much land would you require to enable you do so? How many houses would this equate to?
3. Related to the question above - the Airport's Masterplan document, which outlines the Airport's future development plans, explains that land surrounding the airport (currently planned for comprehensive urbanisation) can be more appropriately designated for airport-related purposes once it obtains airport authority status and requiring authority status, which will protect the runway extension area. What does that equate to in the estimated the housing capacity loss?

We are in the process of developing advice and these are the sorts of questions that we will be asked by Ministers, so we want to ensure that we cover every possible angle.

It would be great if you can get back to us on the above by COP tomorrow. If you need more time, please let me know.

Ngā mihi  
Abi

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**From:** Tom Forster  
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**To:** John Punshon  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Hi John

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Unfortunately there I no update. We are hoping to engage with the Minister on the application within the next three weeks or so.

Cheers  
Tom

**From:** John Punshon <john@nsac.co.nz>  
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**To:** Tom Forster <t.forster@transport.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Update

Hi Tom,

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Kind Regards

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**Cc:** CFI NSAC <cfi@nsac.co.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Hi John

The two are unrelated. Given the stage where the Bill is that is where we are concentrating our efforts for now as the Minister wants to introduce it by the end of July. We just don't have the resources to do the two at the same time.

Cheers  
Tom

**From:** John Punshon <john@nsac.co.nz>  
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**To:** Tom Forster <t.forster@transport.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** CFI NSAC <cfi@nsac.co.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Thanks for the update Tom,

Could you elaborate a little more on the relevance and implications of all of that please? It is not especially helpful when third parties know more about our application than we do.

Kind Regards

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Hi John

They are correct – I actually provided that information to them yesterday or the day before.

Cheers

Tom

From: John Punshon <[john@nsac.co.nz](mailto:john@nsac.co.nz)>

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Subject: RE: Update

Hi Tom,

Hope all is well, sorry to keep nagging you.

Just thought I'd share this with you. This has been posted by a local councillor. What is the Ministries position on this? The time component is not my concern. What I'm really interested in is the validity of the claim around the new bill. Look forward to hearing from you. Feel free to give me a call if it's easier.



## Dairy Flat and surrounding areas



Group post by Louise Johnston · 17 h ·

Hi Everybody, just a quick update from the Ministry of Transport on the North Shore Aero Club application to become an airport authority 'a decision has not yet been made. It may be a couple of months away at the earliest. The reason for the delay is that are working on 'the Civil Aviation Bill which we are working hard on getting introduced in the next 4-6 weeks. Once that is in the House, we they complete the work on the application."



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Kind Regards

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## Shrutika Shrivastava

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**From:** Tom Forster  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 July 2021 2:10 pm  
**To:** John Punshon  
**Cc:** Sonya Van De Geer  
**Subject:** North Shore AA Application  
**Attachments:** Letter to North Shore re AA obligations - 16 July 2021.pdf

Hi John

I hope you are well?

Please find attached a letter on your application for Airport Authority status.

Kind regards

Tom

**Tom Forster** (he / his / Mr)

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16 July 2021

John Punshon  
General Manager  
North Shore Aero Club

by email: [john@nsac.co.nz](mailto:john@nsac.co.nz)

Tēna koe John

Thank you for your patience as the Ministry considers the application for Airport Authority status submitted by the North Shore Aero Club Inc. We had hoped to be able to provide you with the Ministers decision before now.

However, as we consider the application in full, including submissions received, an additional issue has arisen that was not directly addressed by your application.

Specifically the issue is whether an incorporated society is able to assume all the powers and responsibilities of an airport authority and operate in accordance with the Airport Authorities Act.

We note that under section 4 of the Airport Authorities Act 1966, an airport must be operated by an authority as a "commercial undertaking". Given the legislative history of this section, we would like some further information from the North Shore Aero Club Inc as to how they plan to meet this requirement while also meeting their statutory requirements as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1906.

As you will be aware, an incorporated society can be made up of persons associated for any lawful purpose 'but not for pecuniary gain'.

By way of comparison, we note that in recent instances where an airport has been granted airport authority status, the applicants have been limited companies, not incorporated societies. As such the Minister was able to be satisfied that they were able to comply with the obligation to operate as a "commercial undertaking".

We look forward to receiving further information from North Shore Aero Club before we finalise advice to the Minister on whether to grant airport authority status.

Regards

Tom Forster  
Manager, Economic Regulation

## Shrutika Shrivastava

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**From:** John Punshon <john@nsac.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 August 2021 11:34 am  
**To:** Tom Forster  
**Cc:** Sonya Van De Geer  
**Subject:** RE: North Shore AA Application  
**Attachments:** 20210730 - Letter.pdf

Hi Tom,

My apologies for the delay in responding. Please find attached a letter relating to the questions raised in your email of 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Look forward to talking further soon.

Kind Regards

John Punshon  
General Manager

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29 July 2021

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 July 2021 and the points raised within. As I understand it, you are requesting clarification on two matters:

1. Whether an Incorporated Society is able to assume the powers and responsibilities of an Airport Authority and operate in accordance with clause 4(3) the Airport Authorities Act 1966 ("AAA") which requires an airport to be operated as a "commercial undertaking";
2. Within the context of the first question, whether the requirements around pecuniary gain in the Incorporated Societies Act 1906 ("ISA") impede the ability of North Shore Aero Club Incorporated ("NSAC") to operate in accordance with the AAA.

The short answer to your questions is that the AAA and the ISA, do not in any way, prevent an Incorporated Society from being granted Airport Authority status.

In providing more detail, it is sensible to address the second question first. As you point out, clause 4(1) of the ISA states:

*"Any society consisting of not less than 15 persons associated for any lawful purpose but not for pecuniary gain, may ..."*

The reference to pecuniary gain in clause 4(1) of the ISA is in regard to the persons associated with the society, namely the members, not the society itself.

In the ISA this is confirmed in clause 5 and specifically clause 5(a) which states:

*"Persons shall not be deemed to be associated for pecuniary gain merely by reason of any of the following circumstances, namely:*

- (a) that the society itself makes a pecuniary gain, unless that gain or some part thereof is divided among or received by the members or some of them"*

This clearly demonstrates the ability of the society, as an independent legal personality, to make a pecuniary gain so long as it is not passed on to the members. NSAC conducts itself entirely in accordance with these requirements.

Addressing the second question, NSAC already operates North Shore Airport as a commercial undertaking. As can be seen from our audited annual financial statements filed each year with Companies Office, which are freely available through the Companies Office website, NSAC produces



a respectable surplus each year. This surplus is derived primarily from our flight training and airport operations. The airport revenue itself comes from over 90 long term tenants, air transport operators via passenger levies and operating fees, flight training operations, car parking, and other airport usage fees.

The benefit of not being able to distribute funds to club members is of course that 100% of surplus earnings are retained within the organisation for ongoing reinvestment.

I trust this satisfies your enquiry and we continue to look forward to a positive recommendation to the Minister.

Kind Regards

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**To:** Tom Forster  
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**Subject:** RE: North Shore AA Application

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Hi Seb,

Happy new year and I hope you had a good break.

Now we're back into things, I thought I'd touch base with you and see if there is any update on our Airport Authority application from your end? Look forward to hearing back from you.

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Hi John

Thank you, Happy New Year too.

The Minister has not yet made a decision on whether airport authority status should be conferred on North Shore Airport. I expect he will do this in the coming weeks. The final decision would then need to be made by Cabinet.

As Tom mentioned below, please be assured that the Minister is aware of the community's interest in this matter. I will let you know once the Minister and Cabinet have made a final decision.

Thanks for your patience.

Kind regards

Seb Brown (he/his/Mr) | Hekeretari Motuhake | Private Secretary (Transport)

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