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28 May 2024

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**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email of **30 April 2024** requesting the following information:

*I would like to request any information including communications Michael Moore or any other council representative/employee has had relating to:*

- *A proposed low flying zone in the Te Horo Area.*
- *Communications with Otaki Airstrip Ltd and its representatives in relation to the proposed low flying zone, low flying activities, Kapiti Districts Aero Club or noise in the Otaki/Te Horo area in the last 6 months.*
- *Communications with the Civil Aviation Authority and its representatives in relation to the proposed low flying zone, low flying activities, Kapiti Districts Aero Club or noise in the Otaki/Te Horo area in the last 6 months.*

*Communications with Te Horo community and its representatives, including members of the public in relation to the proposed low flying zone, low flying activities, Kapiti Districts Aero Club or noise in the Otaki/Te Horo area in the last 6 months*

- *Any meeting minutes or communications between KCDC employees or representatives in relation to the proposed low flying zone, low flying activities, Kapiti Districts Aero Club or noise in the Otaki/Te Horo area in the last 6 months*

A search of our email archive which allows a search of all email addresses ending in @kapiticoast.govt.nz has been completed. Please find attached all email records which mention Te Horo and a “low flying zone” in the last six months.

*Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.*

Please note, the personal details of other parties have been withheld from this information. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

Also attached is a screen shot of a Facebook post by Community Board member Michael Moore which is publicly available.

There have not been any meetings attended by Council employees on this matter, therefore Council does not hold any minutes. On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

If you have further questions on this matter, I recommend that you reach out to the Civil Aviation Authority.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



**Sarah Wattie**

Governance and Legal Services Manager

Te Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Kāwanatanga me te Ture

**From:** Simeon Brown (MIN) <S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz>  
**Sent time:** 04/18/2024 12:15:33 AM  
**To:** Community Board Member Michael Moore <michael.moore@kapiticoast.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Reference – 24 ASD 32 Proposed Low Flying Zone – Te Horo

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Thank you for contacting Hon Simeon Brown MP, Minister of Transport, Minister of Local Government, Minister for Energy and Minister for Auckland.

Hon Simeon Brown considers all correspondence important and appreciates you taking the time to write. As the Minister receives a large amount of correspondence, it is not always possible to personally reply to all emails.

\* If your correspondence is related to a constituent matter, please get in touch with the Minister's electorate team by email: PakurangaMP@parliament.govt.nz or by calling one of his team on 09 572-0000

\* If your correspondence is diary related, requests will be processed accordingly and we will be back in contact with you

\* If your correspondence requires a response, you can expect a response in due course

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\* If your correspondence expresses an opinion, it will be noted

\* If you have made a request for official information, this will be managed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982, which may include transfer to a more relevant Minister or Agency

\* If your request relates to media, it will be referred to the media team

\* Latest information from the Beehive can be found here: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/>

Thank you for the taking the time to write.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Hamish McKoy [redacted]  
**Sent time:** 04/18/2024 09:50:56 AM  
**To:** Community Board Member Michael Moore <michael.moore@kapiticoast.govt.nz>; Aeronautical Services <Aeronautical.Services@caa.govt.nz>  
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<ian@idmedia.co.nz>; Darren Edwards <Darren.Edwards@kapiticoast.govt.nz>; S.Brown@ministers.govt.nz; [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted] Keith Manch <[redacted]>; Kim Tahiwī <[redacted]>; ^Caleb Royal  
[redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Reference – 24 ASD 32 Proposed Low Flying Zone – Te Horo  
**Attachments:** image001.png image002.png

Kia ora Michael,

Thank you for your email in regards to the proposed Low Flying Zone near Te Horo. We have certainly noted your concerns regarding the current consultation of this proposed airspace and potential effect on residents. I hope we can provide some further explanation to assist as below.

CAA consulted on this low flying zone proposal with affected airspace users in March. As a result of this consultation, it became quickly apparent that Kapiti Aero Club should conduct its own consultation with affected airspace users such as Otaki aerodrome and other affected local groups. This is to meet their obligations under the Civil Aviation Rules to provide the CAA with this information prior to CAA making any decision on low flying zone airspace.

As such, CAA have put this request on hold until such a time that Kapiti Aero Club can engage further with stakeholders and supply this information to CAA. We appreciate any engagement that the aeroclub may have with the community board through this process.

Once this information is supplied to CAA from Kapiti aero club, we will engage again with public consultation on this airspace as we will have more information on any affected users in this area. I trust that the community board would like to be involved in this process, so it would also be helpful to understand what capacity the community board has in regards to representing Council or as a separate body. Your assistance clarifying this would be appreciated to assist us further reaching out once public consultation occurs by CAA.

Unfortunately I cannot give a definitive date on any further CAA public consultation at this stage – This will mainly be up to Kapiti aero clubs timeframe to collate any consultation before providing this to the CAA. Rest assured, the proposal is on hold until this occurs.

For wider context on 'low flying aircraft', aircraft are legally able to operate above 500 ft above the ground in non-built up areas under Civil Aviation Rules where there is no Low Flying Zone.

I trust this assists as an update, but please get back to us with any further queries.

Kind regards,  
Hamish

**Hamish McKoy | Senior Technical Specialist – Aeronautical Services**

Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand  Aviation Security Service

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**From:** Community Board Member Michael Moore <Michael.Moore@kapiticoast.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 12:14 AM

**To:** Aeronautical Services <Aeronautical.Services@caa.govt.nz>

**Cc:** Hamish McKoy <[redacted]> tim.costley@parliament.govt.nz; \*DEM - Elected Representatives

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Manch <[redacted]> Kim Tahiwī <[redacted]> ^Caleb Royal <[redacted]> Keith

**Subject:** Reference – 24 ASD 32 Proposed Low Flying Zone – Te Horo

TO:  
Team Coordinator, Aviation  
Infrastructure and Personnel  
Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand  
PO Box 3555  
Wellington 6140

Email: [aeronautical.services@caa.govt.nz](mailto:aeronautical.services@caa.govt.nz)

## Reference – 24 ASD 32 Proposed Low Flying Zone – Te Horo

I write to record serious concern about the lack of transparent and good-faith consultation with our Te Horo community, regarding the proposed Low Flying Zone.

The consultation document (attached) is dated March 1st. the closing submission date was Friday 5th April 2024. The first my community has learnt of this was in the last 48 hours, via a post in the Te Horo community Facebook group. This is not acceptable.

The area in question affects residents more than just the identified LFZ but also includes south of Otaki River, Addington Road Swamp Road, Te Waka Road, Katihiku Marae, and west of SH1. Residents in these areas haven't been consulted over

There are at least 39 adjoining properties to the proposed LFZ, yet almost all of these, have not been consulted.

Furthermore, I have been advised that during tangi at Katihiku Marae, the event was disturbed for a long period by LFZ aircraft from Kāpiti Aero Club. The Marae complained in the strongest terms to the Club.

I understand the Ōtaki Airstrip Ltd was not consulted by Kāpiti Aero Club about this proposal. Ōtaki Airstrip Ltd have objected to this proposed LFZ:-

- (a) The LFZ boundaries are too close to Otaki NZOT.*
- (b) The climb performance of general aviation aircraft, especially training aircraft such as the Cessna 152 type, is relatively low so that departing from the LFZ to the east requires climbing through the NZOT circuit area . This will result in immediate and dangerous traffic conflict.*
- (c) Aircraft joining or early downwind in the NZOT northern vector will be above or only marginally to the east of the proposed LFZ.*
- (d) The consultation document is silent as to whether the requirements of Rule 71.163 (e) (3) have been met and is therefore deficient.*

*The consultation document is silent as to whether Kāpiti Aero Club did or did not provide “full details of consultation”.*

The attached screenshot from Flight Radar 24 shows an average day with the flight path of just one of the aircraft over Te Horo Beach. Many days there are several planes in succession doing this, flying well below the 500ft over the estuary and Te Horo, disturbing wildlife and homeowners.

We ask for some good-faith dialogue with our community, so you can fully understand locals' concerns, and request an extension to the consultation period to fully engage with all local property owners.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Regards,

**Michael P Moore**  
Deputy Chair  
[Waikanae Community Board](#)

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Climate & Environment subcommittee  
Social Sustainability subcommittee  
[Coastal Advisory Panel](#) Takutai Kāpiti representative*

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CC:

*Tim Costley, Ōtaki MP*

*Darren Edwards, CE, Kāpiti Coast District Council*

*Mayor Janet Holborow, Kāpiti Coast District Council (& elected members)*

*Keith Manch, Director of Civil Aviation and Chief Executive*

*Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Transport*

*Max Saunders, Ōtaki Airstrip Ltd*

*CFI, Kapiti District Aero Club*

*Ian Carson, editor Ōtaki Today newspaper*

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# Kāpiti Coast

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 04/18/2024 10:14:40 AM  
**To:** Community Board Member Michael Moore <michael.moore@kapiticoast.govt.nz>  
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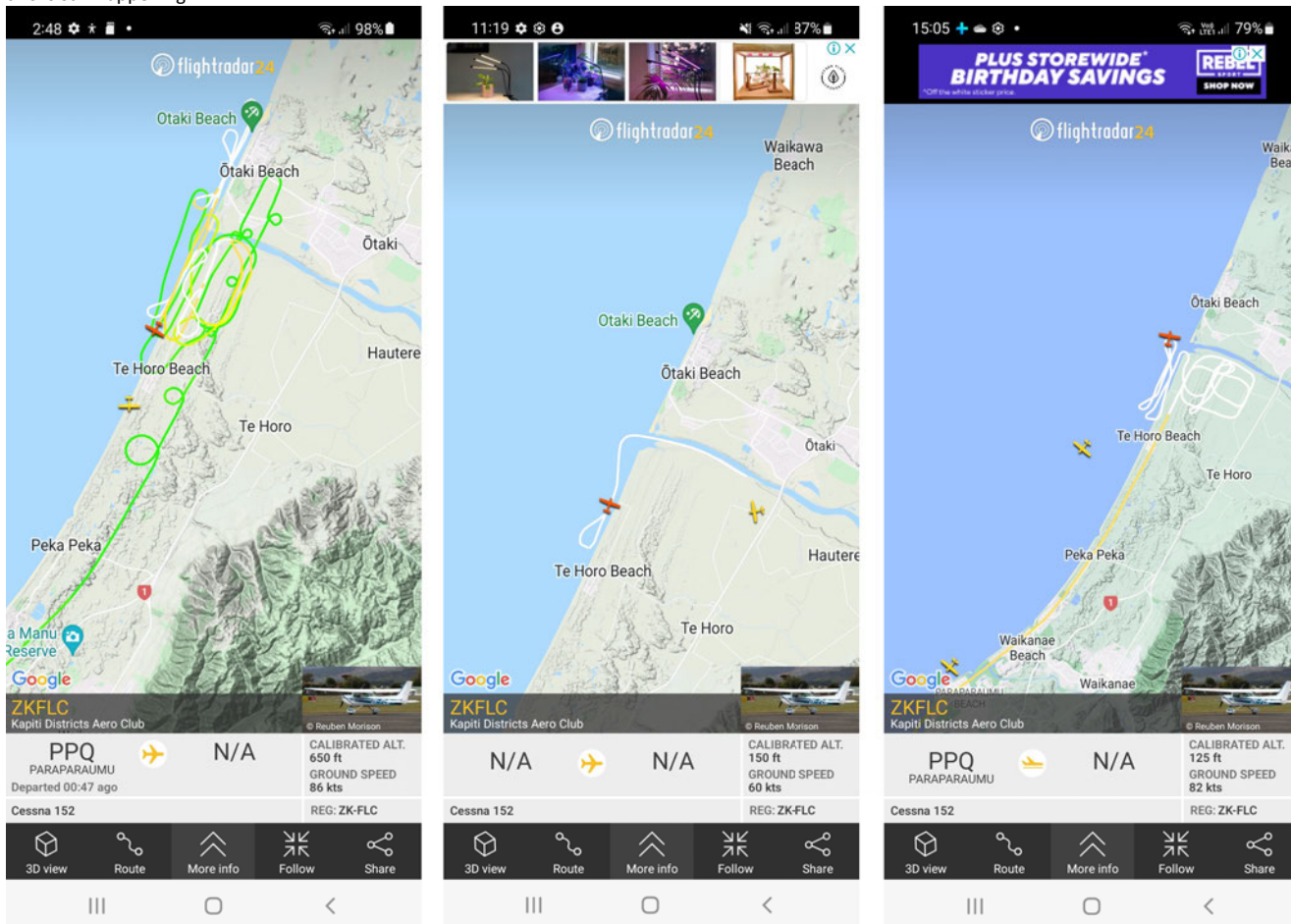
Birds at the Otaki river and estuary:

Pied stilts, banded dotterels and black-fronted dotterels; <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Documents/2015/09/Baseline-monitoring-of-the-birds-of-the-Otaki-Waikanae-and-Hutt-Rivers-2012-2015.pdf>

Dotterels disappearing because of predators, loss of habitat and human behaviour: <https://nzbirdsonline.org.nz/species/banded-dotterel>

Spoonbills; <https://www.birdingnz.net/forum/viewtopic.php?t=11533>

Just three random screenshots showing the total lack of consideration for birds and people enjoying the estuary, 09-04-2022, 13-05-2022, 28-08-2022, and this is still happening:



On Health (not, this is not only for people living in the direct environment of the airport, but also for people who are living in the flight paths/training area, like the residents living west of the expressway between Peka Peka and the Otaki river) :

Aeroplane pollution: <https://www.transportenvironment.org/challenges/planes/airplane-pollution/>

Small planes, like a Cessna and CO2; <https://communicatescience.com/zoomian/tag/cessna-172/#:~:text=We%20can%20estimate%20CO2%20from,to%2075kg%20CO2%20per%20hour.>

Article from the Washington Post about lead from smaller airplanes: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/10/18/lead-aviation-fuel-epa-toxic-pollution/>

This is the article the Washington Post discusses: <https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/regulations-lead-emissions-aircraft>

Lead in Avgas with some numbers: <https://jalopnik.com/small-planes-responsible-for-14-000-times-more-lead-pol-1849882751>

Effect on children: <https://www.popsi.com/technology/epa-small-plane-leaded-fuel/>

Effect on children: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-10-24/editorial-leaded-gasoline-is-still-allowed-for-small-aircraft-its-time-for-the-epa-to-end-that#:~:text=Lead%20contamination%20poses%20the%20greatest,be%20deposited%20in%20the%20soil.>

Stunning effect on children: <https://www.deseret.com/2023/1/11/23550130/airports-with-small-aircraft-dangerous-lead-levels/#:~:text=As%20a%20result%2C%20children%20can,deposition%20of%20leaded%20aviation%20gasoline.>

Still using toxic fuel: <https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/leaded-gas-was-phased-out-25-years-ago-why-are-n1264970>

Aircraft noise and health risk: [https://www.caa.co.uk/consumers/environment/noise/aviation-noise-and-health/#:~:text=Aircraft%20noise%20at%20high%20levels,developing%20Cardiovascular%20disease%20\(CVD\).](https://www.caa.co.uk/consumers/environment/noise/aviation-noise-and-health/#:~:text=Aircraft%20noise%20at%20high%20levels,developing%20Cardiovascular%20disease%20(CVD).)

Proof they fuel Avgas at The Aeroclub, also misleading information about night flying.

# Info from Kapiti Airport

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# Info from Kapiti Aeroclub

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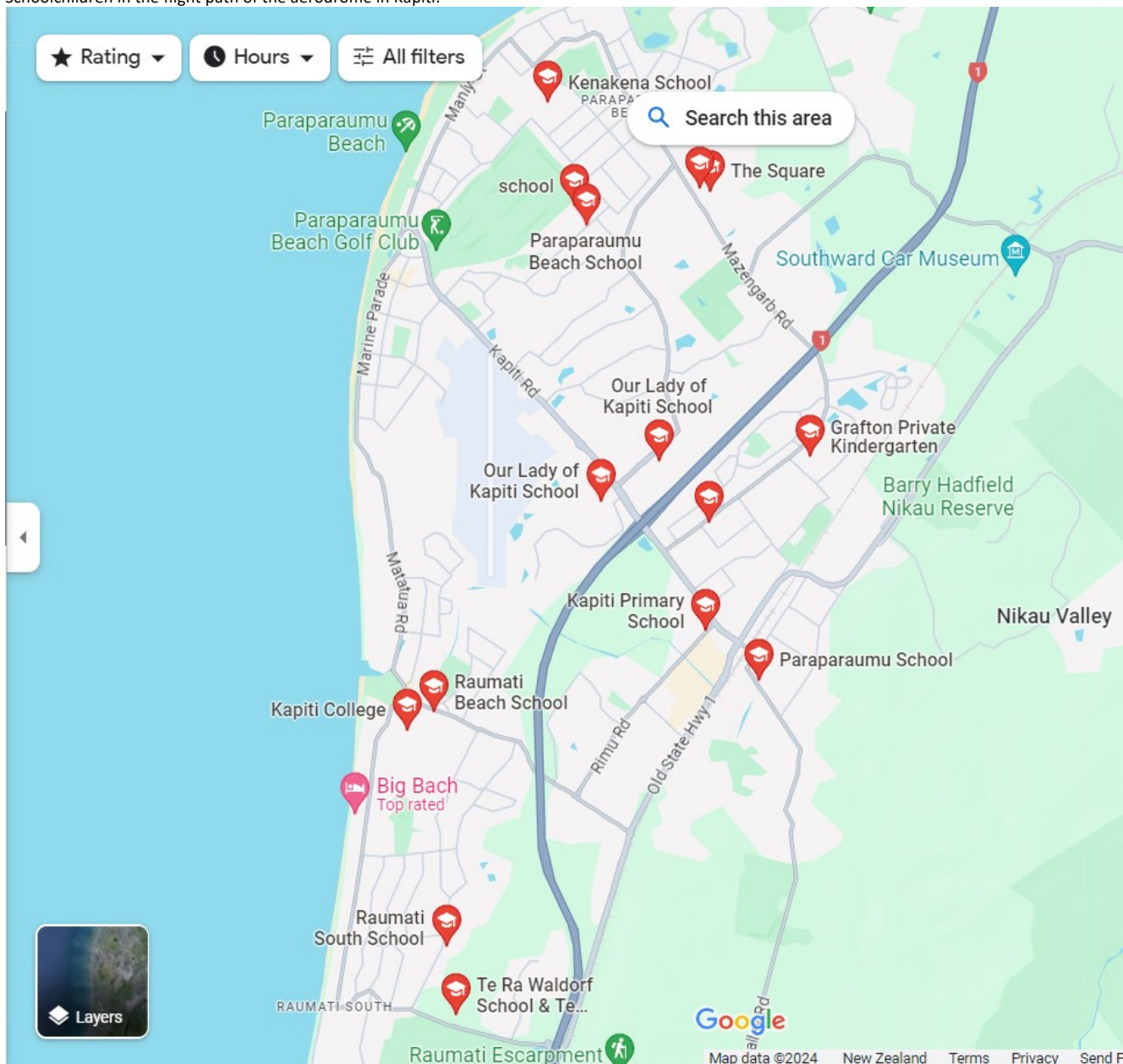
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Schoolchildren in the flight path of the aerodrome in Kapiti:



Amount of planes around the Aeroclub (picture from their own website):





Just a few random screenshots from this year showing what the residents in Te Horo beach have to deal with. All breaches of the height limit of 500 feet, which by the way is 600 feet when they are above the dune ridge. The first one also shows the bizarre pattern of flying. This happens often several times a day. It is like living in a crime area and police planes circling above your head.

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All and all the residents of Te Horo beach are already exposed to toxins from the Express way, the railway, the Old highway and planes flying to and from Kapiti Airport (mostly along the coast). The practise flights from the Flying school are over land the toxins are spread over crops, animals (milk), roofs (drinking water) and people directly. This is dangerous and a low flying zone in the area will make this worse. In regards to Kapiti airport, KCDC and the Ministry of Health should seriously start thinking about getting rid of piston-engine plane on Kapiti airport altogether as the lead poison on people and children especially is a well recognised problem.

On traffic endangerment:

Although not directly above the Expressway, it is a 3 km long low flying zone parallel to the Old highway 1 and the Express way. It will certainly turns



some heads. <https://airshare.co.nz/want-to-film-or-fly-your-drone-over-nz-highways-nzta-guidelines/#:~:text=Waka%20Kotahi%20rules%20state%20that,the%20road%20at%20the%20time>. Would be interesting to know what Waka Kotahi has to say about this.

On the proposed LWZ:

This is the map the Kapiti aero club supplied in their proposal to the CAA, stating 'Kapiti aero club have coordinated with the landowners prior to submitting their application and the feedback received has informed the final airspace dimensions.'



This is the same map, but from the KCDC GIS property map.



And again, now showing at least 41 adjoining properties. And there are many more just around it. The planes making turns in order to use the LFZ will have to fly over a while of other properties too. These maps also show the proximity to the Expressway.









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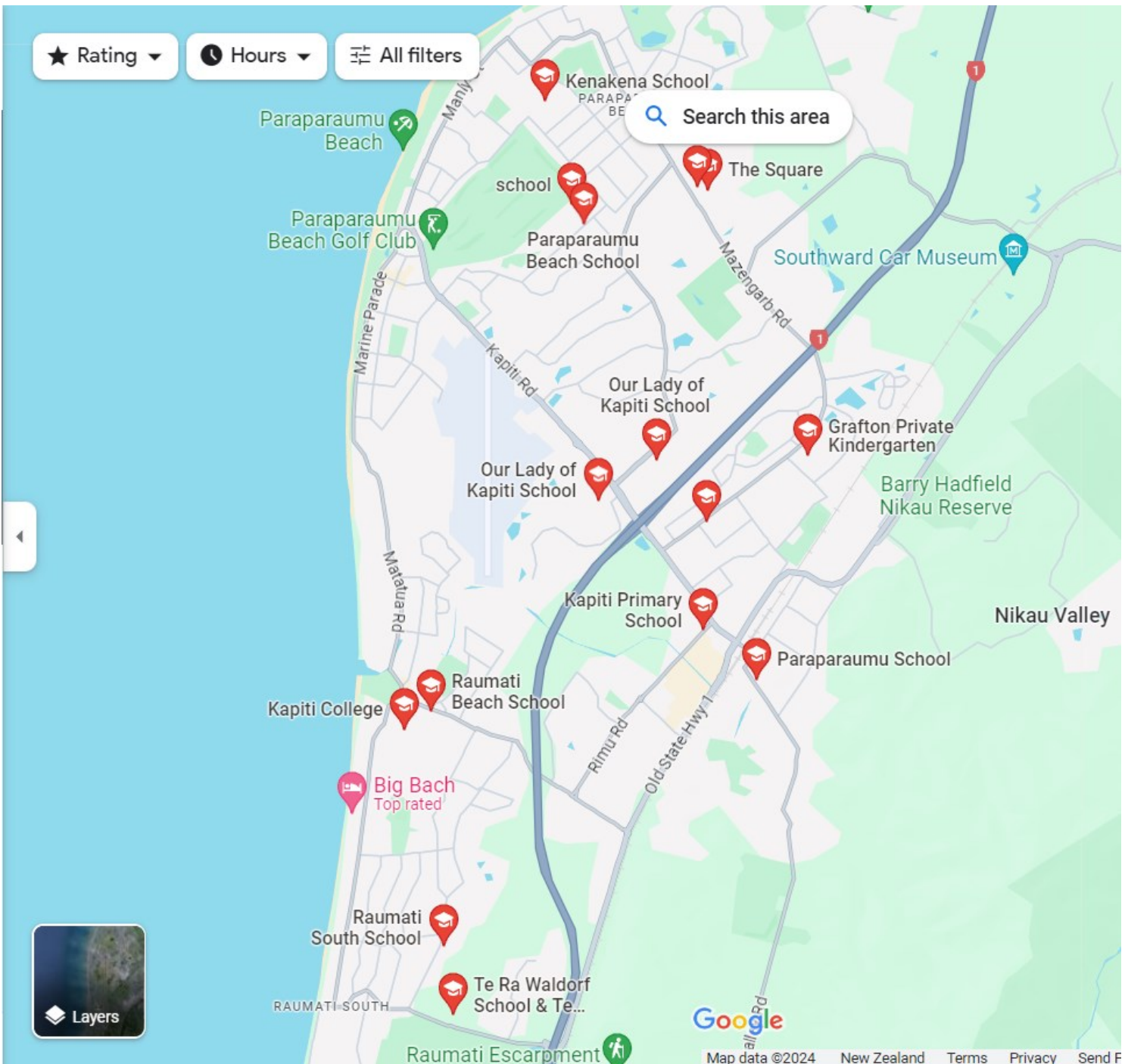
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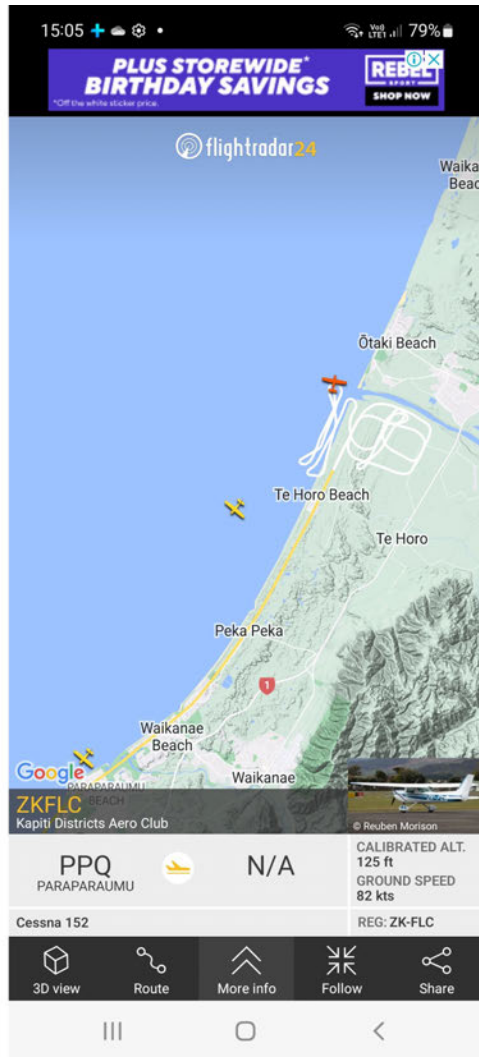
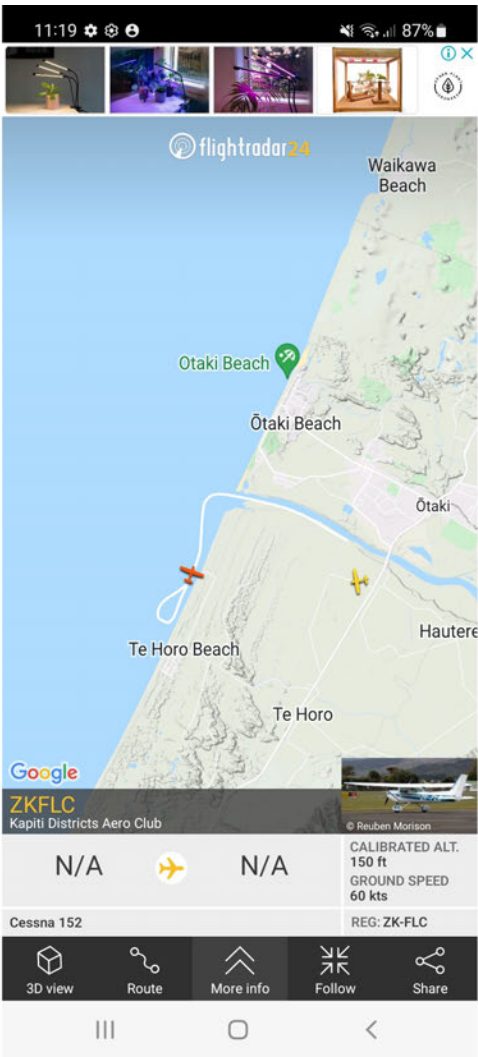
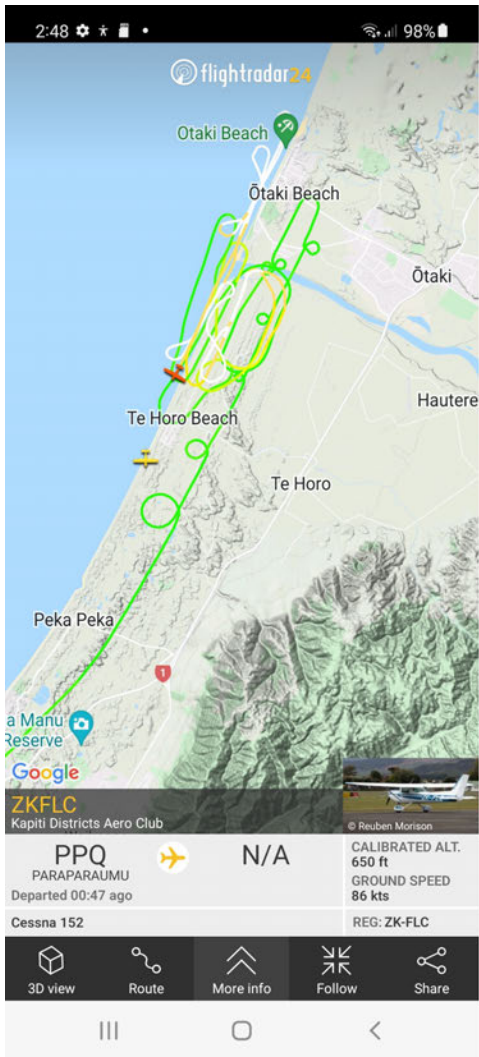




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Environment:

When they make their turns, they often fly really low (I have got many screenshots to proof that) over the Otaki estuary, where birds (banded dotterel, black fronted dotterel, royal spoonbill, pied stilts) are breeding. Consulting the Department of Conservation may be wise. By the way, this area is also a recreation area (walking, cycling, fishing) for many locals and visitors to Kapiti. When the planes, using the LFZ, make their turns (as they do already), it will be to the seaside, so over the Otaki river and the Otaki river estuary. This will heavily affect the people trying to enjoy the quietness and peacefulness of this area.

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Looking forward to your reaction,



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I've copied this to the elected members and Council support staff that represent that area. The Council Ward boundary goes along Te Horo Beach Road for Waikanae/Ōtaki.

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