

TE KŪITI AERODROME (Precinct 3)

This colour and outline identifies the Aerodrome Precinct on the Planning Maps



The Te Kūiti aerodrome is an important facility located north of Te Kūiti. The site is approximately 35 ha in area, containing an asphalt runway which averages 347 aircraft movements per month. The precinct covers four parcels of land which were vested in Waitomo District Council in 1961 for aerodrome purposes. The Te Kūiti Aero Club was formed in 1936 and is based in a heritage listed building at the aerodrome.

What is a precinct?

Precincts are a planning overlay which allow for a specific purpose to be established 'on top of' another zone. The aerodrome precinct (PREC3) sits in the General Rural Zone, but enables use of the site for commercial and recreational aviation activities without being limited by the underlying zone rules.

What is the future of the aerodrome?

The proximity of the aerodrome to the State Highway means that there is future potential for the site to act as a small strategic hub. The precinct's provisions propose to provide for the integrated future development and expansion of the area as a minor transport and industrial hub while ensuring the aerodrome operations remain the primary purpose of the site.

What activities are allowed in the precinct?

The following activities are allowed in the precinct:

- General and commercial aviation activities and hangars
- Industrial activities
- Vehicle parking and vehicle storage
- Emergency service facilities
- Warehouses, lock-up storage units and storage yards
- Helipads and facilities for their servicing and management
- Navigational aids and control towers
- Storage and sale of aircraft fuel and lubricants
- Aviation education training and aviation clubrooms
- Agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activities and stock under-passes
- Tanks and silos

- Offices, canteens, ablution facilities, medical rooms, recreational facilities, vehicle servicing depots and workshops ancillary to any permitted activity
 - Cafes and takeaway food outlets
- There are other supporting activities that are allowed but there are limits to their size:
- Retail activities ancillary to any permitted activity (maximum 60m²)

Where can buildings be located?

- Buildings must be setback from the State Highway and from each other. There are also rules about the height and size of buildings and signs on roofs. The main issue is ensuring buildings comply with the Te Kūiti Aerodrome Flightpath height restrictions which are shown on the Planning Maps
- Outside of the precinct there are height limits on buildings and structures in the direct line of the runway as well as around the sides of the runway. This is to make the runway safe for aircraft as well as protecting nearby landowners. These rules sit in each zone

Are there any limitations on the number or type of aircraft that can use the aerodrome?

The only limits to the type of aircraft that may use the aerodrome are imposed by the length of the runway and aviation operating requirements – there is no control tower at the aerodrome.

Please note this factsheet is a summary and does not include the full set of rules. You can read the full set of rules [here](#)