

## Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

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Concord Planning Board  
41 Green Street  
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Re: Development of Regional Impact  
“Hampshire Aviation”

Dear Members of the Board of Adjustment,

We have reviewed the application material transmitted for the Hampshire Aviation Site Plan application and have evaluated the regional impacts of the proposal. It is the understanding of CNHRPC that this Development of Regional Impact (DRI) consists of a minor site plan application seeking to permit a new hangar and associated facilities at 38 Regional Drive in Concord.

As you know, RSA Chapter 36:54-58 deals with the review of Developments of Regional Impact. Section 36:55 lists a series of characteristics that “could reasonably be expected to impact on a neighboring municipality.” This review is therefore focused only upon the factors listed in the RSA and includes the following:

- Relative size or number of dwelling units as compared with the existing stock.
- Proximity to the borders of a neighboring community.
- Transportation networks.
- Anticipated emissions such as light, noise, smoke, odors, or particles.
- Proximity to aquifers or surface waters which transcend municipal boundaries.
- Shared facilities such as schools or solid waste disposal facilities.

CNHRPC’s review of the proposal:

- I. Relative to the number of dwelling units – As the proposal is for a helicopter hanger and associated improvements, there is no impact to the number of dwelling units.
- II. Proximity to a neighboring community – Though not near the town line with Pembroke, the flight path of aircraft could go over Pembroke.
- III. Transportation networks – Though not directly on a regional roadway, the flight path of aircraft could go over Pembroke.
- IV. Anticipated Emissions & Noise – Aircraft leaving the facility could result in modest amount of noise, especially with flight paths over residential areas.
- V. Proximity to shared aquifers or surface waters – The proposal is not directly near shared aquifers or surface waters that transcend municipal boundaries.
- VI. Shared facilities (schools, sewer, water, emergency response agreements) – As Concord is part of Capital Mutual Aid, other emergency response providers could respond to incidents at the facility.

We believe there may be regional impacts because of II, II, IV, and VI above. Based upon this, we recommend that:

1. For items II, III, and IV, consider feedback from the Town of Pembroke regarding flight path limitations. Additionally, consider limitations on when flights may occur (i.e., try to limit flights during evening hours).
2. For items VI, consider feedback from the Capital Mutual Aid communities regarding emergency services, fire suppression, in particular. Work with mutual aid communities to ensure they have the capabilities to address emergency situations both on site and at potential crash sites in their own communities. Lastly, ensure that the Concord Fire Department, as well as Pembroke Fire Department provide review and comment on the proposal.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this development. Please contact CNHRPC at 603-226-6020 if you have any questions.