



MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport

DATE: 14 June 2023, 5pm

ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Graeme McQueen	Interim Community Engagement Manager, daa	GMcQ
Darren Pollard	AirNav Ireland	DP
Gwen Morgan	AirNav Ireland	GM
Liam O'Gradaigh	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	LOG
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Aine Kirrane	Environmental Sustainability Officer, daa	AK
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
Malachy Bradley	Senior Planner, Fingal County Council	MB
Gerry Sweeney	Forrest Great Community Group	GS

APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD
David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Ciaran Moore	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	CM

Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised that Graeme McQueen would be representing Dublin Airport and Liam O'Gradaigh would be representing St. Margarets	

and The Ward Residents Group. Chair advised that there are new members joining the DAEWG - Gerry Sweeney will represent the Forrest Great Community Group and Gwen Morgan will replace Darren Pollard as the AirNav Ireland representative.	
1. Apologies	Action
JD advised that JH had sent apologies in advance of the meeting and LOG was attending in his place.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
<p>Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 15 March 2023; PF requested changes to minutes. Chair advised that best practice would be for all changes to be sent by email in advance of the meeting so that the final draft can be distributed and approved by the members, and should there be any further changes they can be discussed at the meeting. Chair advised the previous minutes will be updated to reflect PF's request and as no other changes were requested, the minutes are now approved, and members agreed.</p> <p>PF queried if the Chair was aware of a meeting that was held with daa and Santry Forum, on 16 March 2023; to discuss their concerns in relation to hazardous chemicals associated with Aqueous Forming Foam (AFFF), and if he had seen the notes recorded for this meeting. Chair advised he was not aware of the meeting. JD advised that the Chair would not be updated on individual meetings that take place between daa and local community groups or residents as it would not be appropriate to provide this information.</p>	
3. Matters Arising	Action
JD advised that information relating to the actions from the previous meetings were provided to members and responses to recent queries sent by members will form part of the daa update.	
7. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring	Action
<p>Chair advised of a change to the agenda resulting in the noise and flight track monitoring item being next. IC presented the noise report slides including updates on the noise monitoring terminals, noise complaints, including the current expected response times and Webtrak usage.</p> <p>PF stated that reports for the DAEWG were previously printed for the purpose of the meeting, and it is difficult to get into the details with the information on screen. JD advised that the reports are not printed for sustainability reasons and every effort will be</p>	

<p>made to provide the reports in advance of the meetings for members. IC advised that the recent monthly and quarterly reports will be published on the Dublin Airport website in the coming weeks and members will be advised by email when they are published. IC delivered responses to JH questions that were provided in advance of the meeting. IC provided updates on the generation of the insulation scheme corridor, availability of the Lmax reports, noise monitoring terminal (NMT) locations, and noise complaints data. LOG queried the corridors being used for complaints and requested corridor details. IC provided information on the shadow corridors which will be used to provide complaint analysis for North Runway while the corridors are being promulgated into the Aeronautical Information Publication. LOG queried if the February to May reports will have the information from the new NMTs and if other locations will be added. IC advised the information will be same as detailed on Webrak where all new fixed NMTs and ANCA instructed mobile NMTs will be provided, and the initial focus for new NMTs will be the list agreed with ANCA. MC queried if the noise complaint number was still operational and if a text option was available on the complaints phone number. PF stated that he got a call from a lady who advised she could not get through. IC advised the number is active and a large volume of complaints have been received through it, but there is no avenue for text messaging a complaint. MC stated he had sent two complaints via text. IC advised he will double check but expected they were not received. GS queried if a permanent NMT will be located in South Swords. IC advised the fixed NMT locations were specified with ANCA and Rivervalley is on the schedule for the mobile NMT. MC queried when will this be placed in Rivervalley. IC advised Rivervalley was after Santry in the agreed order for the mobile NMT's and Santry will be getting it soon. PF said he will revert to the Santry Forum for exact location options.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
<p>4. daa Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>GMcQ presented daa's update, including actions since the previous meeting, passenger numbers, recent essential maintenance on the south runway, the erection of the bronze plaque at the site where Corballis House stood, extension of North Runway's operational hours and an update on several sustainability projects at the airport.</p> <p>PF explained that his query regarding the Electric Vehicle (EV) locations in the car parks was related to certain safety issues with EVs. GMcQ advised that feedback will be passed to the car parks team. LOG queried the advance notice for North Runway operational updates and if updates regarding changes to runway direction could be provided in advance, similar to Heathrow Airport social media. GMcQ advised that notifications are given as much advance notice as possible, and they will revert with his feedback to the</p>	

operational teams. **GS** queried how the direction of the runways are decided. **DP** explained the runway direction criteria, that it is based on forecast and actual weather and runway direction is wind dependent as aircraft need to take off and land into the wind. **DP** advised of the change to AirNav Ireland and introduced GM who will be replacing him on the DAEWG as he moves to another role. **Chair** congratulated DP on his new role and thanked him for his time and input on the DAEWG and welcomed GM. **GS** queried if trees could be planted instead of hedgerows as they could act as a noise barrier as well as serving the biodiversity needs. **AK** advised that hedgerows were planted to support biodiversity on campus and act as wildlife corridors for fauna on site and the planting of trees can be reviewed. **GS** queried if earth berms have been considered for use as protection for flora and fauna as well as noise barriers. **Chair** advised that a similar request had been made at another community group and Schiphol Airport was provided by a member as an example of use of earth berms. **JD** agreed to revert with the related information to the DAEWG members. **PF** asked daa to confirm the number of vehicles converted to EV to date. **AK** advised that daa buses and vehicles are scheduled to be changed by the end of 2024 as part of daa's commitment to Net Zero Emissions by 2050 and daa can revert with the current figures. **LOG** disputed the information provided by daa regarding capacity and noted that passenger numbers in the first months of the year had exceed 2019 levels and the 32m capacity will need to be increased. **GMcQ** advised that an application to increase the capacity will be lodged later in the year. **LOG** asked if information such as expected passenger numbers and flight movements relating to the 92-day summer period is available. **GMcQ** advised they will revert with available information.

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5&6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring

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AK presented the air and water quality updates, including information on the effects of traffic management works and de-icing activities on water testing at the airport, and recent air quality results.

GS queried the location of the air particulate diffusion tube in the context of operations at commencing on North Runway. **AK** advised the continuous air quality monitor is located at Castlemoate House for several years and the nearest other is in Swords. **GS** queried if air quality had disimproved in South Swords since last year following the opening of North Runway; if results for Swords would be worse due to proximity of the airport and if the location of the tube at Castlemoate is the best location for South Swords protection given prevailing wind direction. **AK** advised that the EPA approved the location of this monitor some years ago, that there was no noticeable change in the yearly figures and a comparison can be produced for the next meeting. **AK** explained there are multiple

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<p>factors influencing air quality levels such as high traffic volumes, weather, etc. LOG queried if temporary air quality monitors could be located throughout the area for a time, similar to the monitoring that took place at Dublin Port. AK advised there are passive monitors already located in the local areas but daa can review options for temporary air monitors. PF asked if the WHO guideline recommended limits are reflected on the reports. AK advised that limit values presented are as per the current air quality regulations, but the WHO guideline recommended values will be included going forward. MC queried if daa are concerned with the buses in relation to air quality as well as aircraft. AK advised that the monitor A11 is located at the coach park at Dublin Airport, and this picks up traffic and idling vehicles which accounts for the higher numbers as previously discussed with members. PF reiterated his suggestion to relocate the coach park to the long-term car parks. AK restated that steps have been taken to reduce bus idling with third party bus companies who operate at the airport and that PF's suggestion has been passed to the relevant departments who will revert with any updates. PF queried the deicing chemicals appearing in reports as the surface runoff flows into a tank. AK advised that while this is correct, COD levels need to reach a certain level to divert the stream flow to the tank and deicing chemicals can affect results downstream when the numbers are very low, or it will contain the amount that flows through before the threshold is reached.</p>	
<p>8. Fingal County Council Planning Applications</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>MB gave an overview of the planning applications which were sent to members in the pre-meeting pack.</p> <p>LOG asked Fingal County Council (FCC) to confirm the status of the enforcement proceedings, letters issued, if further information will be sought by FCC, and if FCC would report on the enforcement proceeding in stages. MB advised that four letters have issued to date, with substantial information provided by daa which continues to be assessed. Proceedings will continue in stages and regular updates will continue to be provided to the public, elected members, at committee meetings, and to the press. PF queried if FCC had any update on the chemical report relating to 'forever chemical residue' with the EPA and daa. MB advised he did not have an update, but he can check with the environmental section and will revert with any information. LOG queried if FCC had worked on the new contour relating to the insulation scheme and recent letters issued in this regard. MB advised that FCC were aware of this contour and the scheme and, while ANCA and FCC had their own contours, the contour in question was produced by daa.</p>	
<p>9. Members' Update</p>	<p>Action</p>

<p>GS provided information on a number of items the Forrest Great Community Group wished to raise at the DAEWG including NMT locations in the South Swords area, a request for a feasibility study for noise abatement measures, including berms, along North Runway, a request for ANCA to attend the DAEWG and a request to review the daily operational model of Dublin Airport’s runways with a view to minimising purported pollution burden across all areas. JD advised that the locations of current and future NMT’s are available and can be provided and reiterated that Rivervalley is on the schedule to receive a mobile NMT, as requested and agreed by members, to operate for the requested 12 months. GMcQ advised they will revert on the other requests from Forrest Great at the next meeting. Chair advised he will issue an invite to ANCA to attend the meeting on behalf of the DAEWG.</p> <p>LOG requested that AirNav Ireland present on the Irish airspace to the group. GM agreed to present at the next DAEWG.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>AirNav</p>
<p>10. AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>PF wished to draw attention to the AOB item at the last DAEWG meeting as he felt unable to raise an issue. Chair advised that AOB items were discussed at the meeting and PF can raise an item now. PF advised that when asked, the Chair had said the meeting had ended. Chair and PF agreed to disagree on the AOB item and PF declined to raise the item and advised that as MM has moved on, he will be unable to raise it. Chair reiterated to members the meeting and minutes procedures and that any changes to the previous minutes should be sent by email to Secretariat for consideration so that distribution of the updated minutes can be sent in advance of the next meeting for all members to approve.</p> <p>Chair noted that Michelle Molloy has now left the daa role and Angela Flynn, who members will know from previous meetings, will be taking her place from the next meeting. Chair thanked MM for all her time and contributions over the years which she conducted with the utmost integrity. Members extended good wishes to MM in her new role.</p> <p>Chair thanked members for attending and concluded the meeting.</p>	

Meeting concluded at 7pm

Next Meeting:
5pm on 4 October 2023 online via Zoom