



MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Online Meeting via Zoom

DATE: 15 March 2023, 5pm

ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	Community Engagement Manager, daa	MM
Darren Pollard	Irish Aviation Authority	DP
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Resident Group	JH
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Ciaran Moore	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	CM
Aine Kirrane	Environmental Sustainability Officer, daa	AK
Andrea Carroll	Head of Environment Sustainability, daa	AC
David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
Malachy Bradley	Senior Planner, Fingal County Council	MB
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD

APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD
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Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised that Andrea Carroll, Head of Environment Sustainability at daa will be joining this meeting to present along with AK.	
1. Apologies	Action
JD advised there were no apologies in advance of the meeting.	

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 23 November 2022, and members agreed.	
3. Matters Arising	Action
PF requested updates on the actions from the last meeting. MM advised these would be addressed as part of the presentations during the meeting.	
4. daa Update	Action
<p>MM presented daa’s update, including actions from previous meeting, passenger numbers, upcoming essential maintenance on the south runway and the opening date for the Community Fund.</p> <p>PF advised he had attended a local residents’ meeting at Coolquay Lodge and that he felt he had received more information at the meeting than he receives in the updates on North Runway. MM advised that DAEWG members receive all updates relating to North Runway.</p> <p>GD queried the south runway maintenance notification’s reference to weather conditions and if it relates to when flights are required to take off to the east. MM advised that works would proceed whether in easterly or westerly operations and any rescheduling refers to instances where weather conditions would be not suitable for the maintenance works to take place.</p>	
5&6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring	Action
<p>AK presented the Air and Water Quality updates including further information regarding the effects from traffic management works and de-icing activities. AK provided updates on queries raised at the previous meeting regarding bus idling, coach park air quality options, Category 1 waste and water testing at the airport.</p> <p>PF queried the availability of an older air quality report and MM advised that reports since 2016 are available on the Dublin Airport website and further information will be needed to provide any additional older reports. GD suggested the Climate Trace Report would be relevant. AC advised she will provide the link to the external report to the Secretariat for distribution to members.</p> <p>GD stated that as the coach park at Dublin Airport is the biggest in Ireland, buses using the airport should be electric. AK advised that the daa fleet is converting to electric vehicles with all 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.</p> <p>AK further outlined the water testing parameters and AC advised members that daa is examining the potential impact of PFAS at Dublin Airport and is engaging with the relevant environmental regulators to ensure best practice in managing this issue.</p> <p>PF questioned what is the outcome of meetings that were held with the EPA and FCC. AC advised these are still ongoing. PF stated that he contacted the CEO in 2022 for information regarding PFAS and he felt information was not provided in timely manner. MM confirmed that following an initial acknowledgment, a response had issued to him from AK on behalf of the daa Group Head of Sustainability.</p>	daa

7. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring	Action
<p>IC presented the noise report slides including updates on Webtrak usage, noise complaints, the current expected response times, and the new noise monitoring terminal locations.</p> <p>JH queried the category types for complaints relating to North Runway. IC advised that the breakdown will be included in the February complaints reports which will be uploaded to the website in the coming weeks.</p> <p>IC and MM delivered responses to JH questions that were provided to members in advance of the meeting. IC provided an update on the indicative noise corridors for NR and the shadow corridors which will be used to provide complaint analysis for North Runway complaints while the corridors are being promulgated into the Aeronautical Information Publication. MM provided an update on the temporary noise monitors data and locations and advised that the data will be provided to the relevant groups when it has been validated. With respect to the insulation scheme query, MM advised that when the modelling is completed, any additional eligible dwellings will be identified and daa will engage as soon as possible with the relevant parties. MM advised that daa can produce an indicative corridor for the North Runway easterly operations as per the request. MM confirmed that North Runway operational hours will increase in a staged approach as previously advised. MM advised that she has reverted to the wider team for information to other queries and will respond in due course. JH and GD challenged that daa should be able to respond to these queries now. MM reiterated that when the questions were received two days previously, they were sent to the wider team and answers will be provided as soon as possible.</p> <p>JH queried use of the south runway during the day while North Runway is operating. DP advised that there are exceptional times when south runway might be used such as weather conditions and operation reasons.</p>	daa
8. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p>MB gave an overview of the planning applications sent to the members in the pre-meeting pack.</p> <p>PF queried if the pipeline is in operation. MB advised that it has been permitted but not constructed yet.</p> <p>JH asked when did FCC expect to provide an update on the enforcement proceedings. MB advised that due to the complexity of the information requested it can take additional time. He advised that timelines have been met to date and while the investigation is still ongoing, further correspondence is expected in the coming weeks. MB advised that regular updates are provided to the public, elected members, at committee meetings and in the press.</p> <p>JH queried if enforcement proceedings took place with the airport when the passengers numbers appeared to exceed capacity in 2019. MB stated a file was opened but it was before his time at FCC. Members discussed that their recollection was that the limit was not exceeded as the total passenger numbers included two million transit passengers.</p>	
9. Members' Update	Action
<p>MC advised members that Forrest Great wished to attend the DAEWG. Chair confirmed that the request to attend had been received through the secretariat and Forest Great</p>	

<p>had been advised that while they could not attend for one meeting, they could join as a member. They have also been advised they will need to put forward a nominee to represent them and following agreement with the DAEWG terms of reference, they will be invited to attend the next meeting. MC requested a copy of terms of reference and JD agreed she will send to all members.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>10. AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>MM noted that as previously agreed with members the next meeting will be in person and following the request at the last meeting, it will take place in an area with public transport options. MM confirmed Dublin Airport was a suggested location and as members had not reverted with alternative locations, the meeting will now take place in the Radisson Blu Hotel at Dublin Airport. MM advised that parking will be included should members wish to drive also.</p> <p>Chair thanked members for attending and concluded the meeting.</p>	

Meeting concluded at 6.30 pm

Next Meeting:

5pm on 14 June 2023 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport