

**MEETING:** Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group**LOCATION:** Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport**DATE:** 26 February 2025, 5pm**ATTENDEES**

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	Community Engagement Manager, daa	MM
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Gerry Sweeney	Forrest Great Community Group	GS
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
Xavier Oh	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	XO
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Aine Kirrane	Environmental Sustainability Officer, daa	AK
Colm Kelly	Planner, Fingal County Council	CK
Keith McEvoy	AirNav Ireland	KME
Audrey Creedon	AirNav Ireland	AC

**APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES**

Pat Suttle	Portmarnock Community Association	PS
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD

Introduction	Action
<b>Chair</b> welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Colm Kelly who was representing FCC, and Keith McEvoy and Audrey Creedon who were representing AirNav Ireland.	
1. Apologies	Action
<b>JD</b> advised Myles Caulfield had sent apologies.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
<b>Chair</b> requested approval of meeting minutes of 4 December 2024; Minutes were approved.	
3. Matters Arising	Action
<p><b>GS</b> requested further information on the previous Earth Berm presentation, advising that he had received queries from residents including confirmation of the ICO rating used, the height and type of land used for the study, and which aircraft were used in the modelling.</p> <p><b>IC</b> reiterated the parameters of the conducted study and committed to revert on other queries for the next meeting. <b>IC</b> confirmed that daa has now proceeded to the next stage and updates will be provided to the group in due course.</p> <p><b>MM</b> advised that other matters will be covered as part of the meeting updates.</p>	daa
4. daa update	Action
<p><b>MM</b> presented on the 2024 full year and January 2025 passenger numbers; daa's submission of its Operational Application; the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations; previous meeting actions regarding planning conditions and the new sound insulation grant scheme proceeding for up to 400 eligible homes.</p> <p><b>Members</b> discussed the insulation scheme and queried omission of houses built since 2005; if the related houses are in areas of the flightpaths, if their insulation will be sufficient, and covered as part to the FCC County Development Plan. <b>IC</b> advised that the related noise contours are satisfactory, and the houses built since 2005, circa 200 houses, are required to have appropriate mitigation as per their relevant planning permissions.</p> <p><b>MM</b> noted that Dublin Airport was proceeding with houses in the 55Lnight contour that were built before 2005, as per its submission to An Bord Pleanála, but that the final decision on the Relevant Action was still awaited.</p>	

<p><b>MM</b> reconfirmed the agreed location of the DAEWG mobile noise monitor and advised that the location schedule for the forthcoming additional two temporary noise monitor assigned to the DAEWG needed to be discussed. <b>Members</b> agreed with the proposed initial locations of Rivermeade and Ballystrahan, and <b>MM</b> advised that the listing will be included in meeting updates going forward.</p>	
<p><b>5&amp;6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>AK</b> presented air and water quality updates, showing the results of monitoring over recent months, and reverted on actions including monitored use of fertiliser on daa lands such as when needed to reinstate grass areas. <b>AK</b> advised on the Revised Ambient Air Quality Directive and welcomed feedback from the group on how to present this going forward.</p> <p><b>GS</b> queried the water testing and if assurances can be provided for local residents regarding water courses and run off impacting local areas. <b>AK</b> advised on the PFAS monitoring programme and procedures including sampling and identification of pollutant linkages (sources, pathways and receptors) on site and the related reporting, and committed to revert with further information for the next meeting. <b>IC</b> noted that improvements are included in the Drainage Master Plan that was previously presented to the group, which is still in the planning system. <b>GM</b> queried the monitoring periods. <b>AK</b> advised she will revert with the details of the monitoring schedule.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
<p><b>7. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>XO</b> presented the monthly noise report including operations, complaints, and flight track adherence. <b>XO</b> noted the new swathe data (track density information) and related information and invited members to provide feedback on its inclusion to the regular reporting.</p> <p><b>GS</b> queried the 70/30 usage split between the two runways as it appeared to be higher for NR. <b>XO</b> advised that the use of the runways is based on wind direction, planning conditions, and weather impact and there will be days/months where it may be higher at times, the split was the expected average use. <b>MM</b> stated that North Runway is the preferred daytime westerly departure runway whilst the South Runway is the preferred daytime easterly departure runway, as set out in planning conditions. <b>KME</b> confirmed this use of the runways and noted that easterly departures have been higher in number recently and advised he can revert with information from the presentation that was previously given to the members. <b>GD</b> suggested that the monthly totals be broken down further to reflect Departures and Arrivals as part of the total movement information.</p>	<p>AirNav/ Secretariat</p> <p>daa</p>

8. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p><b>CK</b> provided an overview of the planning applications relating to Dublin Airport which were given to members in the pre-meeting pack. <b>GS</b> commented that previous requests for temporary noise monitoring locations were declined by commercial locations and suggested that grants of planning permission could include a stipulation for noise monitoring terminals for Dublin Airport to be allowed at these premises, if required. <b>CK</b> advised he would revert.</p>	FCC
9. Members' Update	Action
<p><b>JH</b> noted that at the previous meeting he had requested an update on the Swords Bypass and the need for traffic lights at the R108 junction as a number of road traffic accidents have taken place. <b>CK</b> advised he will revert with an update via the Secretariat.</p>	FCC
10. AOB	Action
No other business noted.	

Meeting concluded at 6.50pm

Next Meeting:  
18 June 2025