

**MEETING:** Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

**LOCATION:** Online via Zoom

**DATE:** 9 March 2022, 5pm



**ATTENDEES**

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O’Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Leighanne Dunne	Secretariat	LD
Michelle Molloy	Community Engagement Manager, daa	MM
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Ciaran Moore	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	CM
Malachy Bradley	Senior Planner, Fingal County Council	MB
Darren Pollard	Irish Aviation Authority	DP
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
John Harris	St. Margaret’s The Ward Residents Group	JH
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM

**ABSENTEES**

David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
Caroline Molloy	Santry Community Resource Centre	CM
Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Frances Buckley	Royal Oak Residents Committee	FB

Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.	
1. Apologies	Action
LD advised that there were no apologies received.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 17 November 2021, and members agreed.	
3. Matters Arising	Action
None.	

4. daa Update	Action
<p>MM presented daa's update, including actions from previous meeting, Dublin Airport passenger numbers, easement of Covid travel restrictions, Community Fund and North Runway.</p> <p>PF noted that one of the responses to his queries advised there were six water courses tested at Dublin Airport, but PF believes there are seven. MM will check and revert.</p> <p>PF said he was disappointed that daa were still selling €1 bottled water following the installation of the hydration stations. MM advised that all passengers would not necessarily bring an empty reusable water bottle with them to avail of the water stations, and the €1 bottle of water is available to accommodate all passengers.</p> <p>PF said he was not satisfied with daa's response in relation to his query regarding SI147; he had asked if daa were compliant with that regulation, and MM advised that daa's written response had confirmed its full compliance.</p> <p>PF advised the moon rock is located in the Natural History Museum, rather than the National Museum as advised by daa.</p> <p>PF said he was happy the paster moldings from Corballis House were put on display in the prayer rooms and suggested that a plaque could be arranged at the location where Corballis House once stood.</p>	daa
5. Air and Water Quality Monitoring	Action
<p>MM presented the Air and Water Quality statistics, in the absence of member from the Environment Team. MM noted that there were a number of higher than normal levels of NO2 and PM10 recorded during January and February. These spikes were being investigated and an update will be provided to members on conclusion.</p> <p>PF stated that as per WHO guidelines the permissible N02 annual average limit had dropped from 40 to 20. MM said she was not aware of that change but would check with the Environment Team and revert to members.</p> <p>PF asked if a copy of the new water drainage scheme is available for viewing and IC said it is under additional development to incorporate North Runway drainage scheme and further information will be provided to members when available.</p>	daa
6. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring Update	Action
<p>IC provided an update on Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, including proposed locations of additional Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMT), WebTrak, noise complaints and annual noise report.</p> <p>MM advised that four locations for the NMTs (Newtown, Millhead, Dunsoghly and The Ward Cross) had been proposed by residents. MM noted that JH had previously advised The Ward Cross was not under a flightpath, but CLG members had subsequently proposed that location. MM will contact JH in the coming weeks regarding a specific location for the monitor at Newtown.</p> <p>IC advised that the mobile monitor will alternate location every 12 months, but daa is open to suggestions from members on this term.</p> <p>PF asked if a mobile NMT could be placed in Santry IC advised that when the mobile NMT in Ongar has completed its 12 months, he will contact MM to organize the specific location.</p> <p>MC asked if there has been progress regarding monitoring of aircraft noise on take-off and landing. IC advised that it is intended to deploy a NMT on the airfield at the new engine test site in the coming months, with investigations ongoing regarding the potential options to monitor reverse trust noise.</p>	

<b>7. Fingal County Council Planning Applications</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>MB gave an overview of the planning applications list sent to the members in the pre-meeting pack.</p> <p>PF asked if FCC could include more details in the planning applications regarding energy efficiency. MB advised that there are numerous national policies and requirements regarding energy efficiencies that fall outside of the planning process; if planning is granted, the energy rating which would be the responsibility of the building contractor.</p> <p>JH enquired about the status of the solar farm application and MB advised it is currently being assessed.</p>	
<b>8. Members' Update</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>PF raised the issue of non-attendance by some members and the Chair advised he would review the issue.</p> <p>JH asked if the DAEWG meetings could take place in person going forward, and MM suggested that the Secretariat email each member for their preferences, the collective responses to which can be discussed at next meeting and a position agreed.</p>	daa
<b>9. AOB</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>JH advised he is now able to attend the next meeting in June but had missed the earlier meeting held in Control Tower. He asked if a visit could be organized for him, and DP advised this should be possible. MM will contact DP regarding arrangements.</p> <p>The meeting concluded.</p>	daa IAA

Meeting concluded at 6.20 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 5pm via Zoom

**DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ACTIONS ARISING DURING MEETING 9 MARCH 2022 AND  
RESPONSES TO SUBSEQUENT QUERIES**

**1. Extract of email which was issued to DAEWG members on 31 March 2022**

**Sent:** Thursday 31 March 2022 19:59

**Subject:** 9 March Draft Minutes

Good evening Paddy,

I outline below responses to your queries of 24 March and also provide action updates for all members.

As mentioned earlier, I had not received the email you sent to DAEWG members regarding the draft minutes from our meeting of 9 March, and I confirm that several members whom I contacted have not received it either. Would you please forward me the original email you sent and we can try to establish if there is a problem with addresses (the text extract below will not suffice in that regard).

With respect to the text outlining items not covered in the minutes, please note:

- Your comments on Air Quality were included in Item 5 of the circulated draft minutes, and I have added the reference to the WHO in the revised draft.
- Your suggestion about a NMT at Santry was included in Item 6 of the circulated draft minutes.
- The action regarding clarity about the number of watercourses was included in Item 4 of the circulated draft minutes (and a reply is included hereunder).

The written response to your earlier queries was included in the pre-meeting pack that issued to all members on 2 March. That document will be appended to the Minutes of our last meeting and will be published on Dublin Airport's website after the Minutes are approved at our next meeting on 15 June.

With respect to your comments that the minutes from 2020 DAEWG meetings are missing, please note that meetings did not take place that year due to the changing Covid situation that prevailed at the time.

I will make the relevant adjustments to the draft minutes regarding plastic bottled water, SI147, Corballis House plaque, National Museum and energy efficiency in planning submissions. The amended draft minutes will be distributed in the next pre-meeting pack.

Regarding actions noted in the circulated draft minutes, I would like to provide the following update on two items:

- PF noted that one of the responses to his queries advised there were six water courses tested at Dublin Airport. PF asked for the number of watercourses to be checked as the 2019 Sustainability Report states there are seven.

The 2019 report states that there are seven watercourses running through Dublin Airport. Of those seven, the six watercourses referenced in our response were, and continue to be, tested on a regular basis. The seventh watercourse, The Ward, rises in an area that was underdeveloped agricultural farmland which was leased to third parties prior to the development of North Runway. As there was no airport activity nor impact in this area at that time, the Ward watercourse was not required to be tested. Regular testing of the Ward was undertaken as part of North Runway's construction contract, and now that the majority of those works are complete, the Ward watercourse is being included in Dublin Airport's surface water monitoring programme, plans for which are being finalised before submission to FCC for approval.

- PF stated that the World Health Organisation had lowered the air quality guideline values to 20 (subsequently noting this value was now 10).

The current Air Quality Regulations in Ireland are the Air Quality Standards Regulations, 2011. The annual limit for both NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> is 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Regarding any updates to the Ambient Air Quality Directives, the EU is currently revising these standards, in part to align them more closely with the World Health Organization's recommendations whose latest Air Quality guidelines were published in September last year. The EU's deliberations are ongoing, and in this regard, the 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual average limit quoted in daa's update is correct.

Kind regards,

Leighanne.