

MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Online via Zoom

DATE: 17 November 2021, 5pm



ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O’Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Katie Hastings	Acting Secretariat	KH
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
Andrea Carroll	Environment and Sustainability Manager, daa	AC
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	Rivervalley 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. MM advised that Katie Hastings was acting as Secretariat for the meeting.	
1. Apologies	Action
KH advised that there were no apologies received, but there were absentees, noted above.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 22 September 2021, and members agreed.	
3. Matters Arising	Action
Chair asked if there were any matters arising from last meeting. JH said that ANCA had not provided a briefing to the Community Liaison Group (CLG) before they announced their draft decision. JH said the CLG was established under Planning, so the Chair should write to ANCA. DOH said that members of CLG could raise the issue at the next meeting of that group. JH queried the date of next meeting, and MM confirmed it was scheduled for 7 December 2021.	

4. daa Update	Action
<p>MM presented daa update, including actions from previous meeting, Dublin Airport passenger numbers, Covid restrictions, Community Fund, collaboration with JAI and BITIC education initiatives, and North Runway.</p> <p>MM listed the actions from previous meeting and confirmed that all were addressed. MM advised that PF had subsequently sought information regarding a proposed high-rise development in Santry. MM confirmed that daa had made a submission to ABP on the proposed development, and PF advised that planning permission had been refused, but would likely be appealed.</p> <p>PF said that he had emailed MM on 25 October with a number of additional queries after September's meeting. MM advised that she had not received same and requested that PF forward the email and she would address.</p> <p>JH enquired about the concrete trials on North Runway which had featured in a recent print media article, and MM advised that concrete and other sampling were being undertaken as part of quality testing.</p> <p>MC queried passengers who were not complying with wearing face masks at the airport. MM said that Dublin Airport strictly implements all Covid measures, and confirmed that all passengers and staff are required to wear face masks when in the terminal buildings.</p> <p>PF said the delay to Metro North was very disappointing and he was surprised that daa had not made a public statement in this regard. MM said that daa is very supportive of Metro North and works with the project's team to facilitate its delivery.</p>	PF
5. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring Update	Action
<p>CM provided an update covering October noise monitoring, Webtrak, annual compliance report and Environmental Noise Directive. CM explained the new slide which was produced in response to JH's request for more information regarding the type of complaints received. JH said that he would study in further detail.</p> <p>PF asked if one single complainant had made over 1,600 complaints, and CM confirmed that was the case. JH asked about the nature of the complaints and CM advised that they related to aircraft exceeding 40dB. PF said there was a mistake on page 6 of the report because it stated there was one complaint from Santry when he had lodged four; CM said the report stated one complainant, not one complaint.</p> <p>IC gave a presentation and provided detailed information and examples regarding the proposed locations for the additional noise monitoring terminals. IC advised that they had identified potential buildings/locations for 18 NMTs but were having difficulty doing so for The Ward. JH suggested the water tower at The Ward Cross. IC said he would put that forward for consideration, and asked members to revert in the coming weeks with any other feedback they had regarding potential locations.</p> <p>JH said the Webtrak readings for Bishopswood and Bay Lane were very similar and asked if the houses in the area between the two would be covered for insulation in the biennial review. MM advised that if they, or any other houses, fell within the 63dB LAeq 16h contour at that time, then they would.</p> <p>JH said the thought there may be something wrong with the contours because the Webtrak levels for Bishopswood and Bay Lane were similar. IC advised that Webtrak provides instantaneous LMax readings whilst contours are calculated for different time periods.</p>	

6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring	Action
<p>MM introduced Andrea Carroll who is daa's newly appointed Head of Environment and Sustainability. AC thanked members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and gave a brief overview of her role. AC presented the air and water quality monitoring reports and advised that the full Q3 air quality report would issue to members when available in the coming weeks.</p> <p>PF advised that regulations had been introduced which prohibited the use of AFFF since last year and this would be a big problem for DAP in relation to fire fighting and fire cylinders. AC advised that daa was in full compliance with all regulations and would pass PF's comments to her team.</p>	MM
7. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p>MB provided an overview of planning applications for Dublin Airport. PF advised that he did not like the new format of the report and MB said that he would include a short description of each application going forward.</p> <p>JH raised questions about water attenuation and traffic associated with an inland port being developed at the airport logistics park. MB advised that he was not familiar with this development but would bring available planning information to next meeting.</p>	FCC
8. Members' Update	Action
<p>PF said that the DAEWG Terms of Reference state that there are four meetings per year, not four quarterly or four regular meetings, just four meetings per year.</p> <p>MM said that the proposed 2022 meeting dates for March, June, September and November had been circulated to members. JH said he would not be able to attend the June meeting but would nominate a proxy in advance. DOH asked if the 2022 meeting dates could be approved, and members agreed. MM said that, going forward, we will also include the Zoom link in the pre-meeting pack, as well as the individual calendar invitations.</p>	MM
9. AOB	Action
As there was no further business, the meeting concluded.	

Meeting concluded at 6.15pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 5pm via Zoom

**DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO ACTIONS ARISING DURING MEETING 17 NOVEMBER 2021 AND
RESPONSES TO SUBSEQUENT QUERIES**

1. Extract of email which was issued to DAEWG members on 10 December 2021

Sent: Friday 10 December 2021 17:18

Subject: Documentation and Responses following DAEWG Meeting of 17 November 2021.

Dear DAEWG member,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in circulating documentation following our last meeting on 17 November. I now attach the draft Minutes for your review and would appreciate any proposed amendments you may have to the draft by Friday, 25 February 2022.

Below please find responses to further requests during the meeting:

1. Item 4: An incorrect email address had been used for MM, and PF sent on his queries on 19 November; they are currently being addressed.
2. Item 6: 2021 Quarter 3 Air Quality Report is attached.
3. Item 8: We will issue calendar invitations in the coming week for next year's meetings on 9 March, 15 June, 21 September and 23 November 2022.

I look forward to seeing you again at our next meeting, but in the interim, please continue to contact me if you have any queries.

Thank you all for your time and contributions throughout the year. I hope you and your families have a happy, healthy Christmas, and very best wishes for 2022.

Kind regards,

Michelle.

2. Extract of email which was issued to DAEWG members on 2 March 2022

Sent: Tuesday 2 March 2022 16:09

Subject: Documents for DAEWG meeting on 9 March 2022

Dear DAEWG member,

In advance of the DAEWG meeting at 5pm on Wednesday, 9 March, please find attached documentation for your reference.

- Agenda
- DAEWG revised draft minutes for the last meeting 17 November 2021
- Fingal County Council Planning Applications in relation to Dublin Airport
- Noise & Flight Track Monitoring Report January 2022
- Responses to queries received from PF

Kind regards,

Leighanne

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Responses to Queries from Mr P Fagan

Would it be feasible to have all the 7 watercourses that flow through Dublin Airport tested plus the drinking fountains in the Terminals?

There are six water courses which flow through Dublin Airport, namely the Cuckoo, Wad, Mayne, Santry, Forrest Little and Kealy's streams, all of which are tested on a regular basis, in addition to all on-site potable water sources.

All drinking water facilities are also tested on a regular basis. Dublin Airport has upgraded its water fountains and retrofitted them with new taps to make it easier to refill water bottles. Dublin Airport has also made its water fountains more visible by re-branding them with new Hydration Station signage. The re-branding of the water fountains is in response to customer feedback and to increase passenger awareness of the 15 fountains located in the terminals and boarding gate areas. Additional water fountains will be installed as part of general upgrading works in both terminals. The initiative is part of Dublin Airport's overall sustainability strategy which has been developed to implement, foster and communicate the principles of sustainability throughout the airport. Hydration Stations can be found on the Mezzanine level in Terminal 1, in the Arrivals Hall of Terminal 1, Departures areas in Terminals 1 and 2, immediately after security screening in Terminal 1, in all passenger boarding areas and in both baggage halls. Dublin Airport will also continue to sell its Plane Water at €1 per bottle both in shops and via its honesty box system.

Has a review be undertaken re environment charging options for Aircrafts?

Our Planning and Regulation Department is currently engaging with airlines regarding a charging methodology with proposals to trial for a three-month period in 2022. The findings of this trial will be examined with a view to commencing implementation later in 2022/2023.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the following (1) DAA compliance to Statutory Instrument 147; (2) Where in Dublin Airport can the Moon Rock be viewed; (3) The artifacts that were saved from the demolition of Corballis House, where are they located in the Airport.

(1) Dublin Airport fully complies with SI 147 (2020) and moved to the use of Sthamer Moussel which is an organic compound foam with no use of FFFP foam on site since 2013.

(2) Dublin Airport does not have any Moon rock. A lunar sample plaque to commemorate the Apollo 11 1969 Moon landing was housed in the Dunsink Observatory and, we understand, was lost to fire in 1977. A sample from the Apollo 17 mission was given to Ireland in 1973 and is housed in the National Museum of Ireland.

(3) Architrave from Corballis House was refurbished and installed in the Prayer Room in Terminal 2. Other artefacts from the building, including slate, stone, tiles and window frames, are stored at a depot for potential future use at Dublin Airport.