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Aircraft Noise Competent Authority,

To the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority,

I wish to make a submission in relation to the draft decision on night time flights from Dublin Airport.

Please consider the following points:

1. Night time flights off the North Runway should not be allowed.

The decision to allow night flights off the North Runway will open up thousands of people to a significant increase in night time noise. This has been linked to cardiovascular disease, cognitive impairment in children and mental health issues. ANCA should defend the health of local communities and reject the DAA application for flights off the North Runway. The original planning permission was a more reasonable balance between protecting communities and the operation of the airport.

2. The use of the 2019 noise level as a baseline is unreasonable and needs to change.

2019 was the noisiest year on record at Dublin Airport and as such was an outlier in the context of noise and its impact on the local community. To set an outlier as the baseline is not reasonable and will lead directly to a significant increase in aircraft noise around Dublin Airport in the short to medium term. We need to start reducing airport noise from a level that represents a fairer reflection of the situation at Dublin Airport in recent years. An average of the noise level over the last five years of full operation at the airport would be a more reasonable starting point. The Noise Abatement Objective should be adjusted to remove 2019 as the comparison year and a figure that represents the average of the last five years of operation of the airport should be put in its place.

3. The cost of the health impact of aircraft noise should be worked out.

If we are to weigh up the value of the impact of noise on the people's health against the economic benefit of growing the airport then both should be measured, as best we can. There is a growing body of research to suggest that aircraft noise can have a negative impact on health and well-being. It is impossible to make an informed decision on the health impact vrs the economic benefit if an attempt is not made to quantify these things.

Please take these points on board in the revision of your draft decision.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sir/Madame,

Residents of Swords should not have to endure further night time noise.

Noise levels are significantly louder in the hours between 2-5am because all other noise levels drop motor traffic and indeed pedestrians.

This can really have a significant impact in the Summer months when perhaps windows remain open to allow air flow.

This is the most likely time for flights to increase tourism traffic.

Tourism will not return to 2019 levels for perhaps another few years but it will increase and indeed exceed numbers of 2019 in perhaps four years.

Perhaps another Airport in the midlands would bring tourists to our hidden heartland.

This would spread the tourism industry to areas that are not seeing footfall at present.

Stats show tourist want something else not crowds .

Tourists are also taking shorter breaks and perhaps are unable to access all that Ireland has to offer.

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