

# Memorandum ABP 314885-22

To: The Board

CC: Paul Caprani ADP

From: Karen Hamilton SPI

Re: Oral Hearing Request

Date: 20th of September 2023

## 1. Proposed Development

A proposed development comprising the taking of a 'relevant action' only within the meaning of Section 34C of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which relates to the night-time use of the runway system at Dublin Airport

Permission for the above 'relevant action' and associated amendment / replacement of conditions attaching to the North Runway Permission was granted by Fingal County Council on 8th August, 2022. A total of 14 appeal submissions and 78 observations on these appeals were received by the Board.

#### 2. ANCA Decisions

The PA granted permission for the above application following a determination (Regulatory Decision) by the Airport Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) which included the following reports and full public consultation.

Noise Abatement Objective (NAO)

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- Noise Abatement Objective Report
- ANCA Regulatory Decision (RD)
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- ANCA Nosie Abatement Objective and Regulatory Decision relating to Aircraft Noise Management at Dublin Airport: Strategic environmental Assessment (SEA) and final report.
- ANCA public consultation report
- 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> party Submissions

The issues raised are similar throughout both the 3<sup>rd</sup> party submissions and the observations and are summarised below:

- Planning history and alteration of conditions
- Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) decisions
- Public Consultation
- Climate Change
- Noise
- Use of 2019 as a baseline year
- Airport usage
- Policy
- SEA
- EIAR information
- New Flight Paths
- Insulation Scheme are not appropriate/ should be expanded.
- Impact on Health
- Appropriate Assessment
- 4. Oral Hearing (OH) request

An OH has been requested by the following 3rd parties:

- Terrence Murphy
- Noel and Breda Deegan
- Adrienne Mc Donnell

- Saint Margarets The Ward Residents Group
- SWTW Environmental DAC
- Brian Murphy
- Sheelagh Morris and others
- Trevor Redmond

### 5. Further Information

ABP has engaged a Noise Expert from London, UK to assist with the examination of the noise information. On foot of this internal consultation ABP requested additional information on the following:

- Impact of Peak L<sub>Amax</sub> Noise Levels from Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) on Sleep
- Sensitivity Testing of the Population Numbers Covered by the Noise Contour Predictions
- Baseline years assumed in the assessment.

The applicant submitted a response to the FI on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 which includes:

- New noise contours maps illustrating the L<sub>Amax</sub> Noise Levels from Air Traffic Movements (ATMs) (based on the operational North Runway (NR))
- As per above (i.e additional noise modelling and contour maps illustrating the population effected)
- Information justifying the baseline year used.

The applicant has also provided additional information including a revised EIAR and updated of the ANCA information having regard to the time lapsed/ updated information available due to the operational of the NR (previous to the application submission). This is in addition to the specific FI request by ABP.

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## 6. OH Determination

The Board will note that a significant amount of information has been received with regard to the planning application and the Regulatory Decision which included public engagement.

Should the Board consider no OH necessary the additional information which has been recently received by ABP will be circulated to all parties and revised public notices will be required.

The Board has engaged an external expert to assist with the interpretation of the technical matters which include the following:

- Review the relevant applicant's application documents including methodology used, inputs, outputs and conclusions, with a focus on specific issues raised by parties to the appeal.
- Review the work undertaken by the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority
  (ANCA) on the Dublin Airport Case including methodology used, inputs,
  outputs and conclusions, with a focus on specific issues raised by parties to
  the appeal,
- Provide a report of findings detailing the above work with clear recommendation to the reporting inspector regarding the acceptability of the proposal to amend the relevant Conditions attaching to the existing permission for the north runway

It is considered that having regard to the

- The application being accompanied by an EIS and NIS and other supporting documentation. Having consulted the documentation submitted with the application, I believe there is sufficient information on file to allow the Board to adequately assess all the issues without the need for an oral hearing.
  - The detailed and comprehensive information on file including the detailed response to the additional information request,
  - The fact the application relations to Condition(s) only,
  - The further information submission and the use of an external noise expert who can advise on all technical matters relating to noise.

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a oral hearing would not provide or in my considered opinion illicit any significant information which would be of any substantial or material benefit to the to the inspector or the Board in determining the application.

Therefore, I do not recommend that an oral hearing is held on this appeal.

Karen Hamilton

Senior Planning Inspector

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Paul Caprani

Assistant Director of Service

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