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**Director of Services**  
**Aircraft Noise Competent Authority**  
Fingal County Council, County Hall,  
Main Street, Swords,  
Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2  
Republic of Ireland

After greetings,

**Sub: Qatar Airways' Support for Dublin Airport**

I would like to avail this opportunity to express Qatar Airways' highest compliments to the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority.

In reference to Qatar Airways' letter no. QR/AA/0133/21 dated 28 January 2021, expressing our support for Dublin Airport's application and proposal to amend the conditions restricting the use of the North Runway (Planning Ref. No. F20A-0668), we would like to reiterate our concern at the proposed restrictions and urge Your Authority adopt the alternative proposals submitted by Dublin Airport Authority (DAA).

As we mentioned in our previous letter the DAA proposals are in line with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) "Balanced Approach" and if implemented would protect the interests of local stakeholders including the airport, the airlines, while at the same time enhancing connectivity and economic activity. While we appreciate the flexibility that the Noise Authority has shown by amending the initial restrictions proposed by the Fingal County Council, Qatar Airways is still of the view that operating restrictions should only be introduced as a last resort. For long haul international airlines, the importance of connecting our customers to shorter regional flights is critical for both business and leisure travellers. The proposal to place an arbitrary cap on operations within the 00:00 to 06:00 time period will not only limit connections, but will also lead to greater congestion during the unrestricted period, resulting in higher passenger volumes and more delayed flights.

As we emerge from the COVID-19 crisis, enhanced connectivity and operational flexibility will be a crucial driver in the recovery of international travel as a pillar of the global economy. To facilitate the efficient operation of the airport and encourage the smooth flow of passengers, while also supporting increased trade, and in-bound tourism, Qatar Airways strongly recommends that Your Authority favourably consider Dublin Airport's alternative proposals.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Senior Vice President  
Aeropolitical and Corporate Affairs

cc: Mr. Morten Loej – Senior Vice President Corporate Planning, Qatar Airways

