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Please find attached my observations and submissions re the draft decision on extending the flight hours at Dublin airport.

I trust all is in order and I look forward to your response.

Regards, Noel Bannon, 0872587658 The Commons, Ratoath, Co. Meath. A85EC56

22nd December, 2024.

Mr. James Sweeney, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

> Planning Appeal Reference Number: F20A/0668 Case Number: ABP-314485-22

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

I refer to your letter of 16th September informing me of the Board's draft decision relating to the night-time use of Dublin Airport and inviting me to make submissions or observations before 23rd December. Unfortunately, I feel that your draft decision and supporting documentation ignores my original observations – presumably as being irrelevant because I live at a distance from the airport. I ask you to reconsider your decision.

As a general observation, I wish to point out that where the effect on residential homes is mentioned, the Board's draft decision seems to focus exclusively on remedies to homes within a short range of the airport (between the airport and the N2 – approximately within 7km of the new runway) that may need soundproofing and other remediation works because of intolerable noise levels that affect normal day to day activities. While I absolutely agree that people who have airplanes flying over their homes at less than 3000ft deserve special consideration, this does not mean that the planning process should ignore the impact of airplanes flying over homes like ours that are within an 18km radius of the airport, especially as they are often flying on routes that are not following the original planning permission granted for the use of the new runway. Regarding the proposed extension of flying hours, I obviously have concerns about the impact of airplanes flying overhead earlier in the morning and later at night. Given that I live in a rural area with relatively little background noise, the noise impact of aircraft flying overhead is more noticeable than it might be in a more densely populated area.

I am obviously not a professional in the field of submitting applications re. planning but I have started to take note of the effect and frequency of planes flying over my home, assisted by the app 'Flight Radar' that gives real time information about airplanes and

their flight routes. In the enclosed screenshots, the blue dot close to Dunshaughlin represents the location of my home. Any information that I can offer is obviously a bit haphazard as I do not monitor flights 24/7. However, I still think that my observations are valid and can be supported by screenshots of particular moments in time where necessary.

As an initial observation, I was walking my dog outside my house at 23:25 yesterday. 21/12/'24, and I noticed two airplanes flying overhead. This is despite the fact that permission has not been extended yet for flights after 23:00 (See screenshots 1 and 2). The two airplanes were flying overhead within a couple of minutes of each other.

Regarding flights between 6:00and 7:00 and between 23:00 to 00:00, I wish to point out that if I am lying in my bed with the windows closed, I can clearly hear flights passing overhead at a height of 7000 ft to 8000 ft in the vicinity of my house. An airplane flying at 5000ft or less will almost certainly cause me to wake up. EPNdb (Effective Perceived Noise in decibels) distinguishes between loudness at a point in time and noisiness as it is experienced by the listener. As I understand it, the period of time the aircraft noise is heard affects the annoyance caused to the listener and thus affects the EPNdb. Airplanes leaving the new runway typically turn in an arc and head back towards the coast. This applies to those flights heading towards Ratoath/Dunshaughlin, those heading towards Oldtown/ The Naul, and those on the only approved route heading towards Hollystown. The airplane travels in an arc and thus creates a sector within that arc which experiences longer periods of exposure to the aircraft noise. This means that homes within the arc are affected as an aircraft approaches, turns and then heads off in a new direction. On Monday, 7^{th} October, I timed how long I was aware of the noise created by an airplane (Airbus A320-214, travelling Dublin to Barcelona), The aircraft travelled from the airport towards Ratoath, turned close to my house at 5950ft and then headed in the direction of Ballyfermot/Clondalkin (screenshots below). I stopped my stopwatch at 01:51.52 (almost two minutes). You might think that timing the noise was a strange thing to do, but this was the eighth plane that I was aware of passing in our direction within a short time.

- 1. Dublin-Southhampton, 07:45 (less than 4000ft turning point)
- 2. Dublin -London Heathrow 07:47 (turning point 6000ft)
- 3. Dublin Malaga 07:48 (turning point 5575ft)
- 4. Dublin-Bordeaux 07:50 (turning point 7225ft)
- 5. Dublin IASI 07:53 (turning point 6300ft)
- 6. Dublin London Heathrow 07:55 (turning point 6175ft)
- 7. Dublin Faro 07:57 (turning point 6700ft)
- 8. Dublin -Barcelona 08:01 (turning point 5950 ft)

(The times used are taken from the screenshots)

In the instance above, this created almost continuous noise for over 18 minutes. This is not an everyday occurrence, but it is not unusual, and it is something that I have absolutely no influence over. I am at the mercy of flight controllers in Dublin airport, decisions made by individual pilots, and you, the planning authority, who should be able to regulate the frequency and timing of this level of intrusion.

So, what do I expect you to change in your final decision? Firstly, on 'mature reflection', I hope that you will not allow the extension of flying times. If you do allow some extra flying time, this should only be allowed on flight paths that have already been agreed and approved through the planning process. If extra flying time is to be approved it should be introduced with stringent limitations and these should be verifiable and checked by competent authorities. Minimising the noise impact on DAA's neighbours should be a priority. This should involve stipulations about the number of flights allowed and where possible, varying the flight routes so that there is not a continuous barrage of sound affecting the same households. As I pointed out earlier, there is a big difference in noise levels between airplanes turning in an arc at 8000ft compared to those turning at 5000ft. A stipulation should be put in place, for any additional flights during the proposed new flying hours, that planes should reach a minimum height of 8000ft before turning. Under no circumstances should 'averaging of flight numbers' over a period of weeks be allowed as this would create a situation in peak times where DAA would be incentivised to schedule flights every couple of minutes within these early and late slots. Finally, as flights are already happening 30+ minutes either side of the current limits of 07:00 and 23:00 (as demonstrated in attached screenshots), residents in the vicinity of the airport should not be experiencing flights between 04:30 to 05:00 and 00:00 – 00:30 because of any changes in permitted flying times.

I enclose screenshots of a selection of flights that establish frequency, pattern and the height of aircraft at particular moments in time. The height of aircraft and the frequency of flights contribute significantly to their effect on our quality of life. Flights earlier and later in the day have the potential to further impact on noise levels around our home.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read your draft decision and to submit my observations. I trust that you and An Board Pleanála will reflect on them and amend your final decision accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Bannon 0872587658

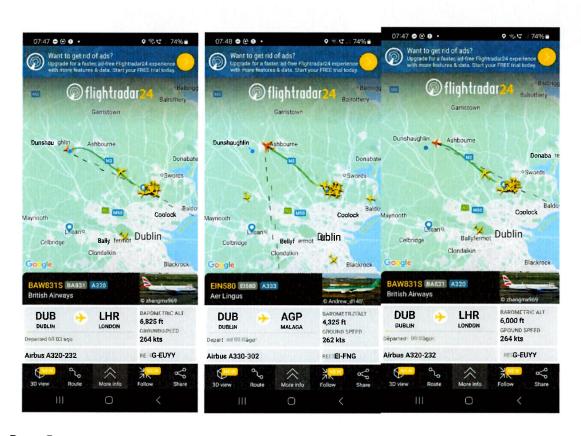
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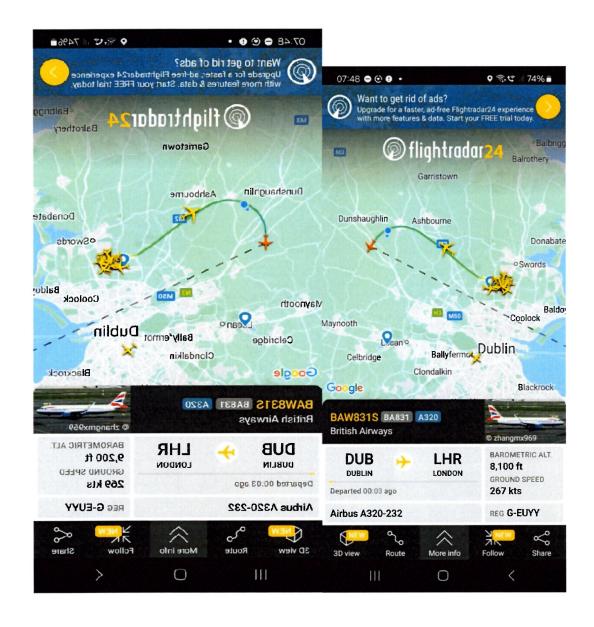


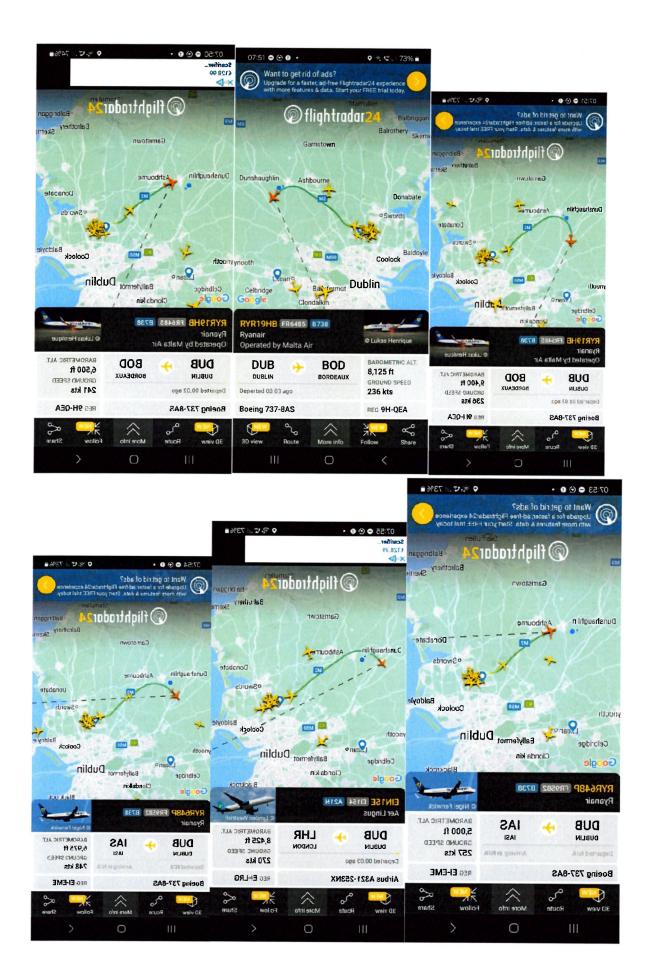


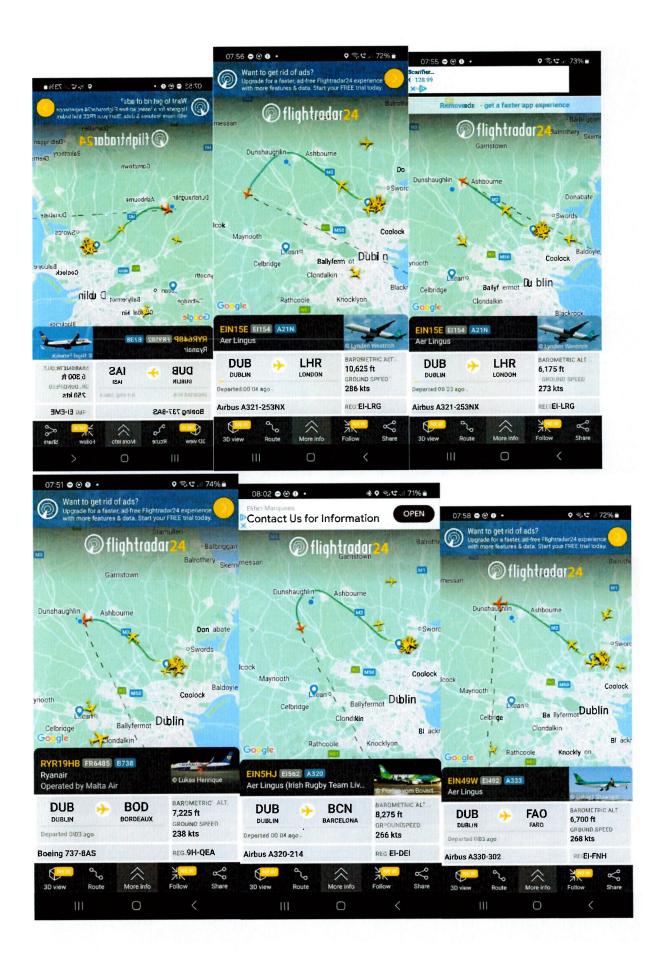
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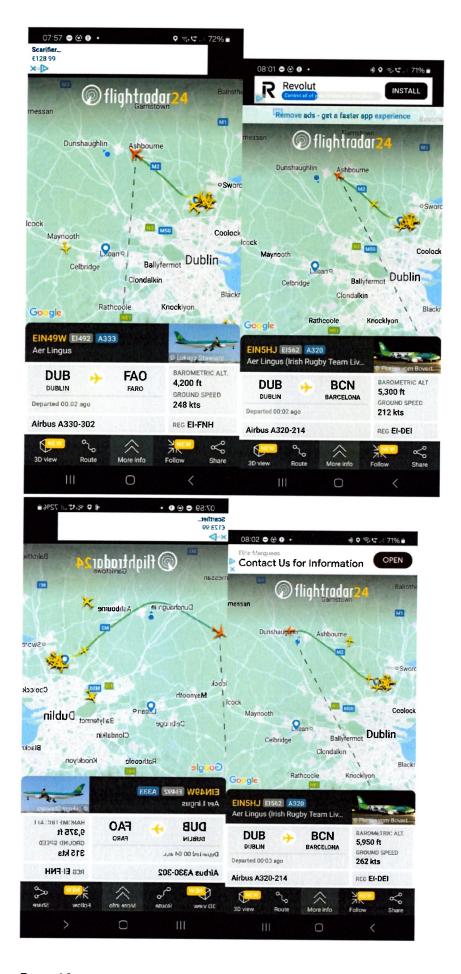








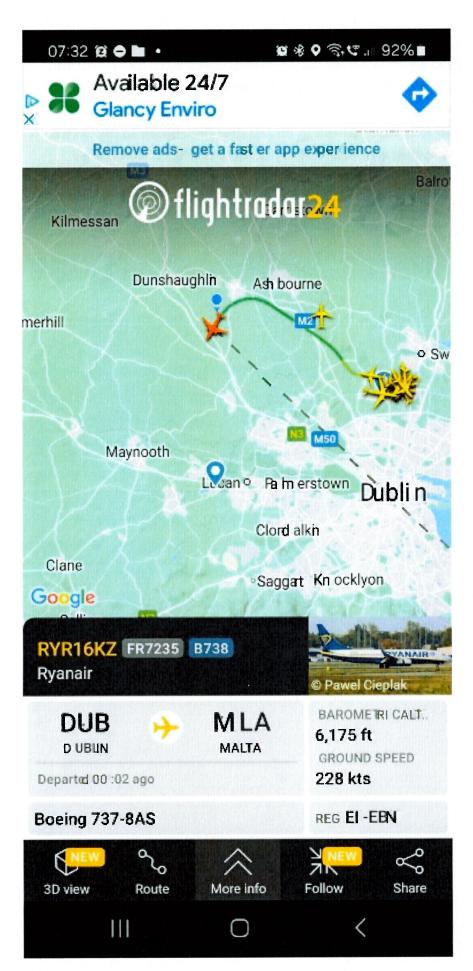




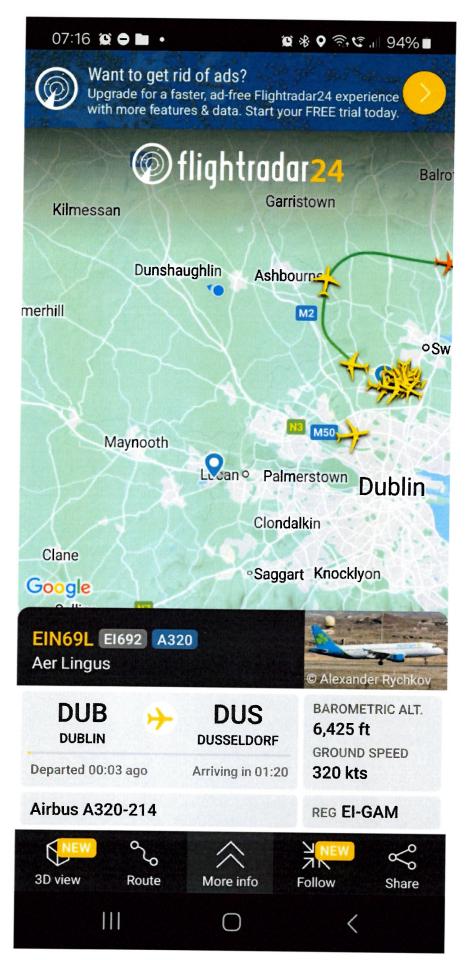
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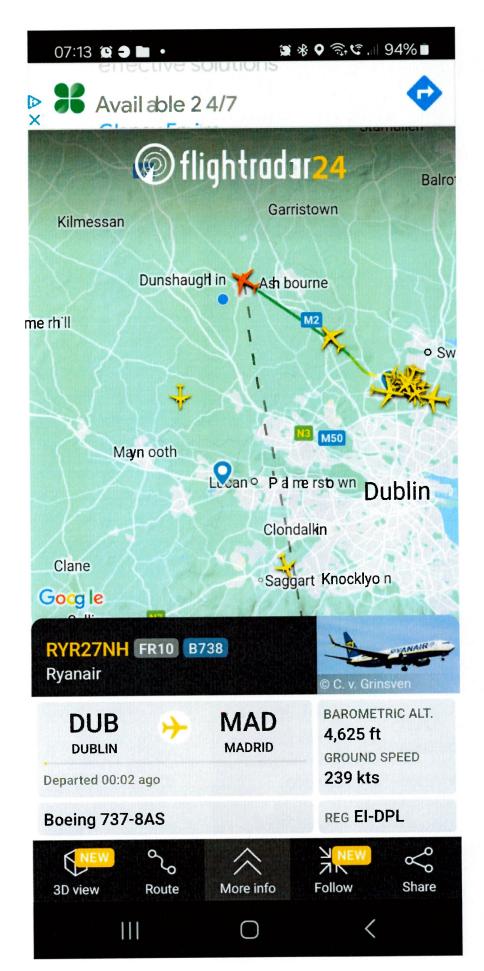
Screenshots illustrating a pattern of early morning flights in the vicinity of my home. This sample was taken on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 between 07:09 and 07:36. 20 flights flew in the direction of the N2, 4 turned in an arc towards North County Dublin. The remaining 16 flew in an arc that brought them towards Ratoath and the overwhelming majority then turned in an arc that flew close to my home. One aircraft turned in an arc that was short of my home but meant that it was turning at 317 ft (Dub-Southhampton, 07:31).



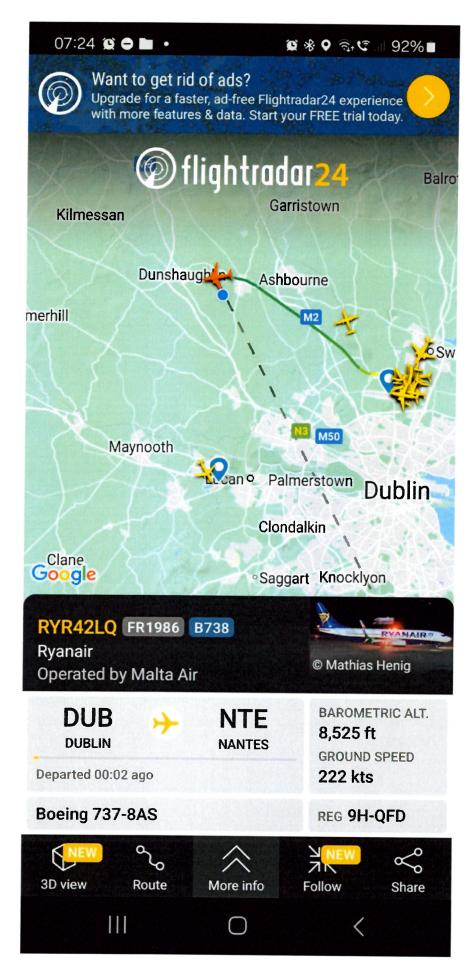
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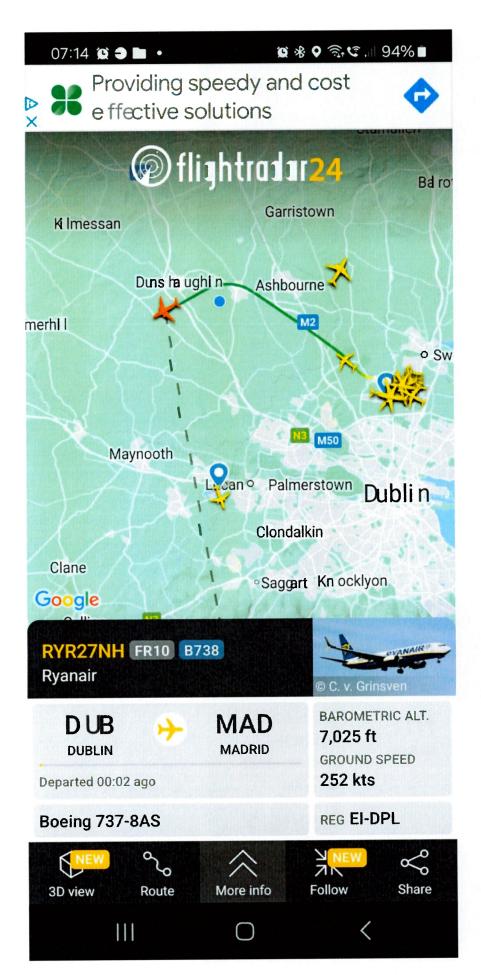
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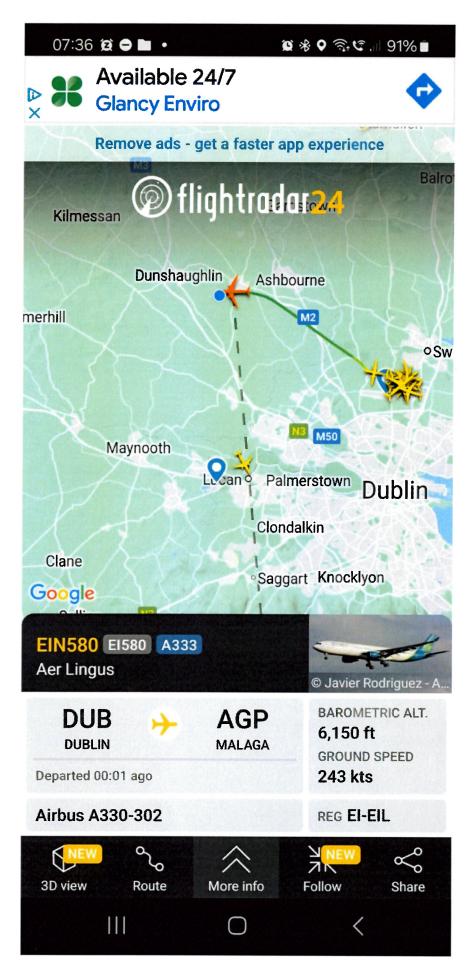
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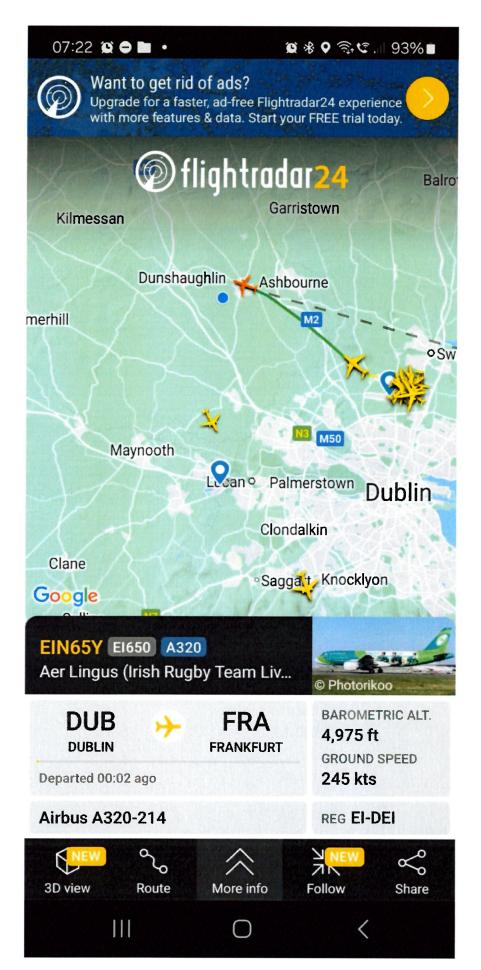
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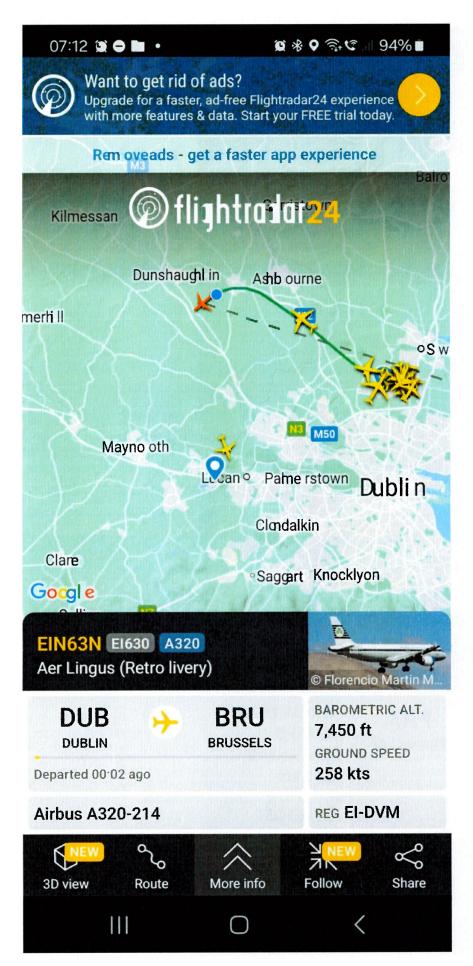
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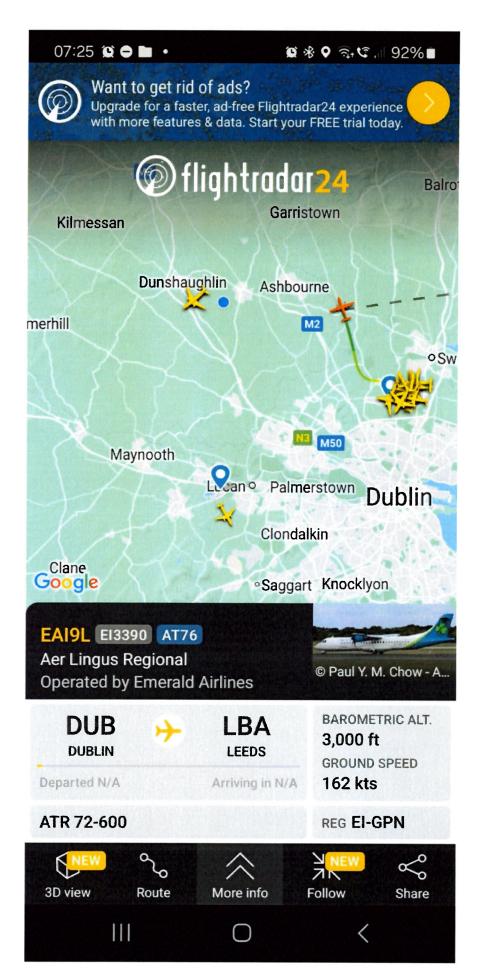
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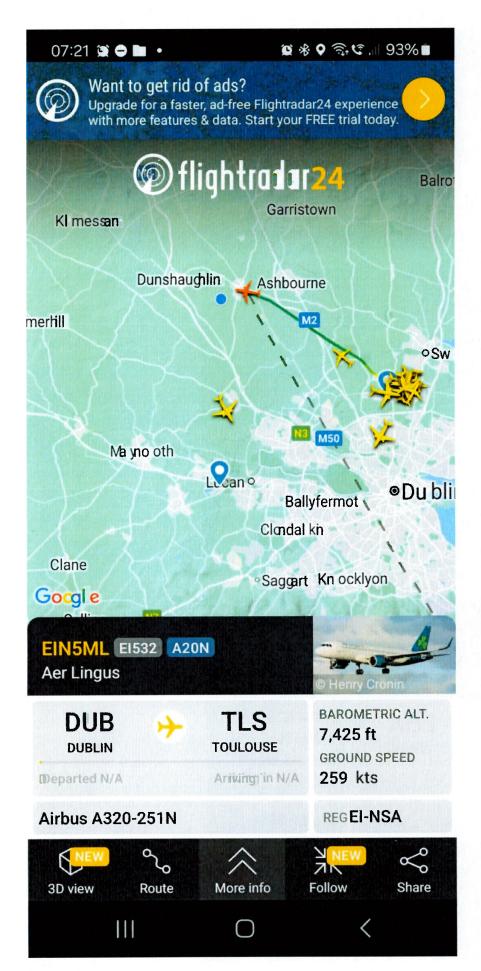
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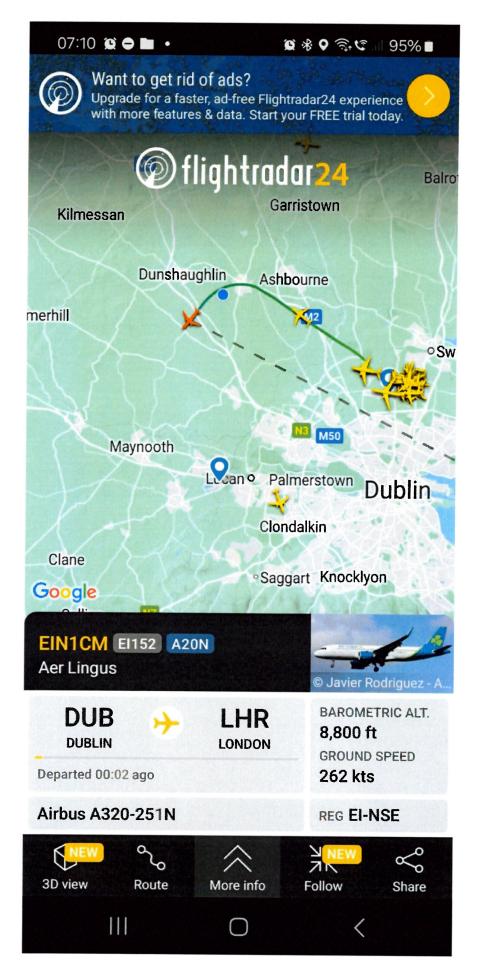
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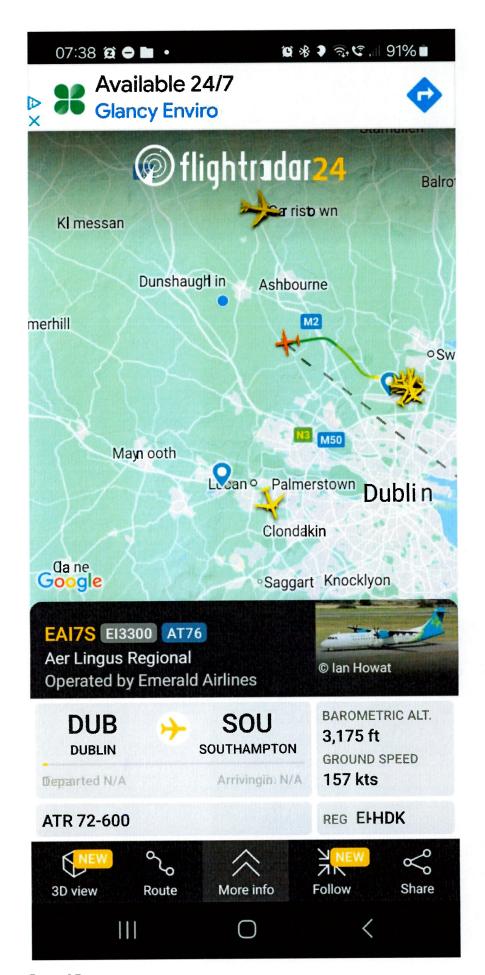
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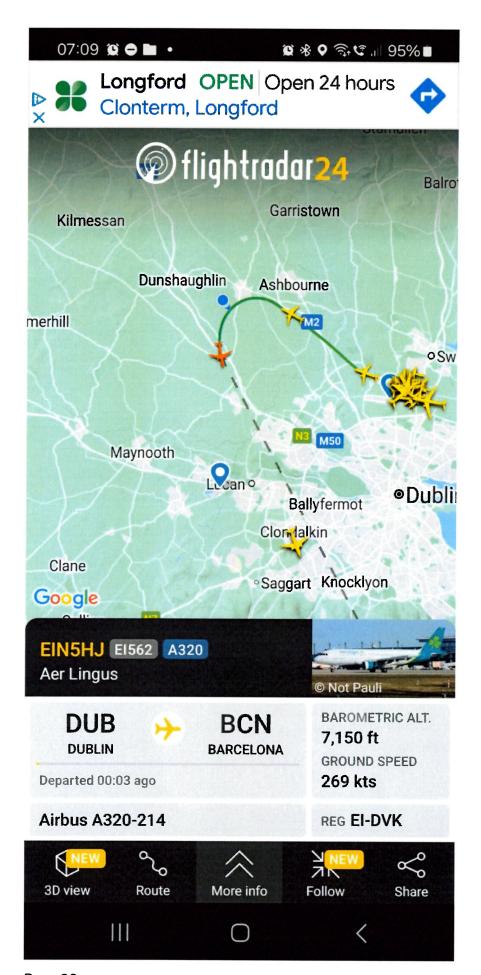
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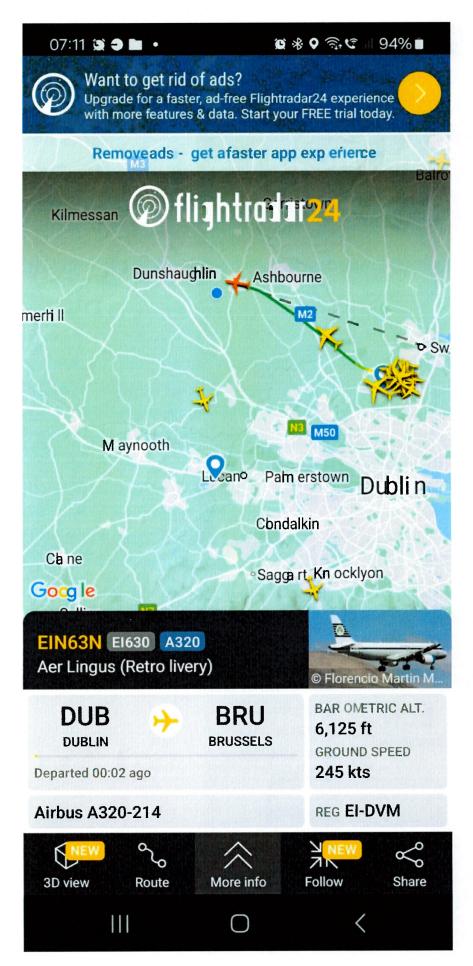
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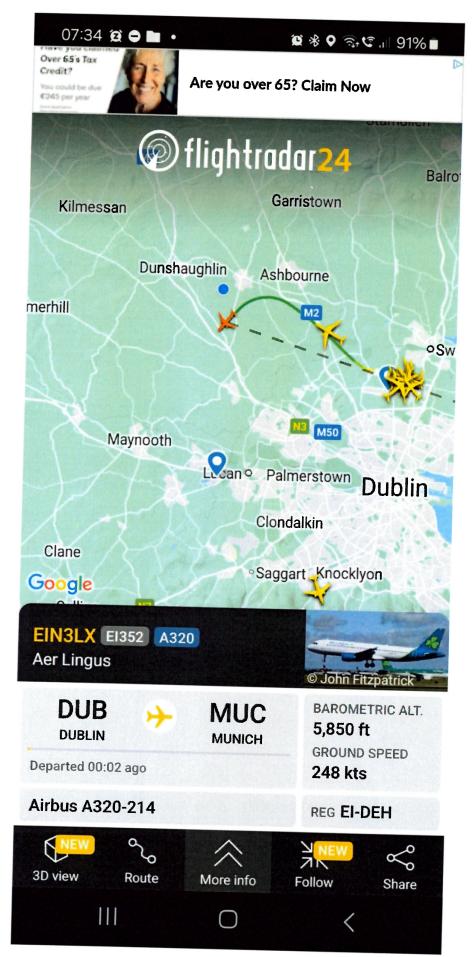
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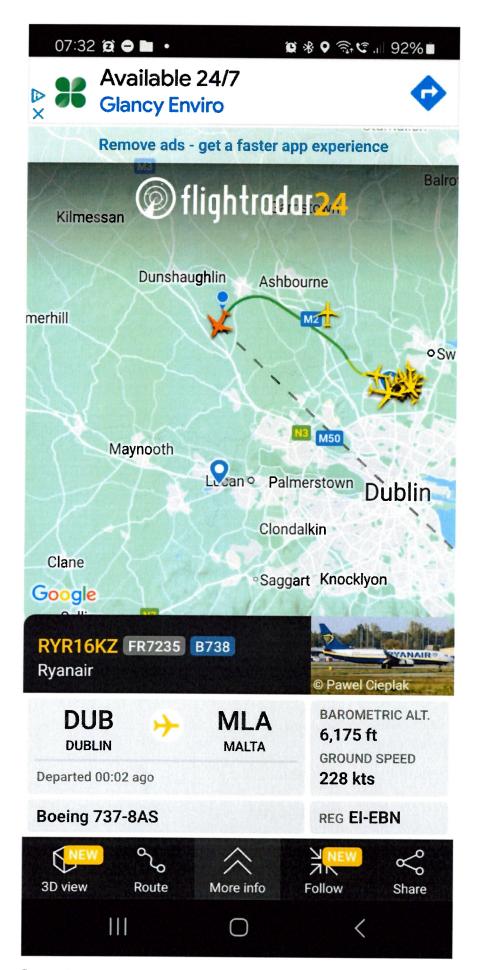
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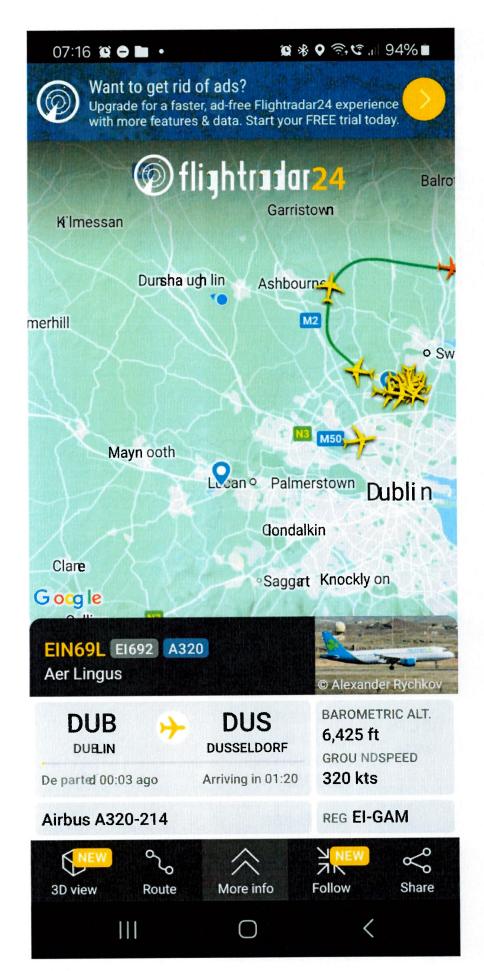
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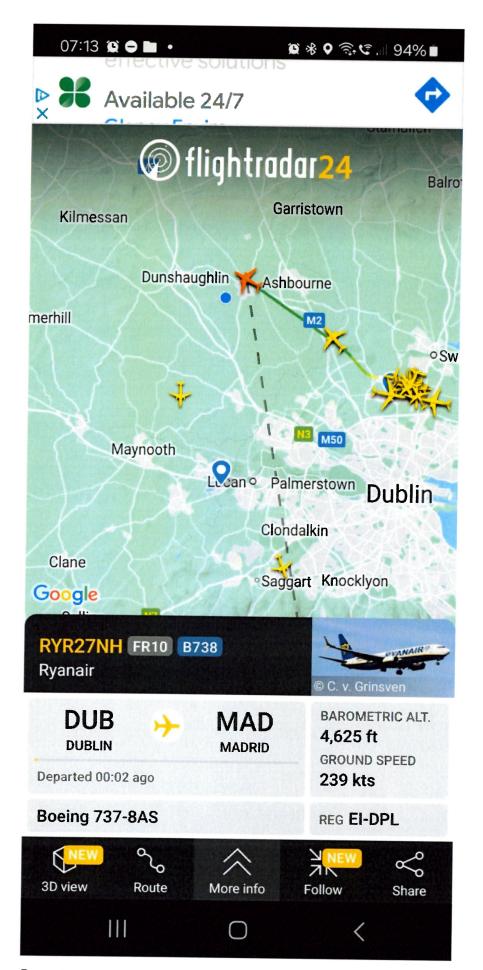
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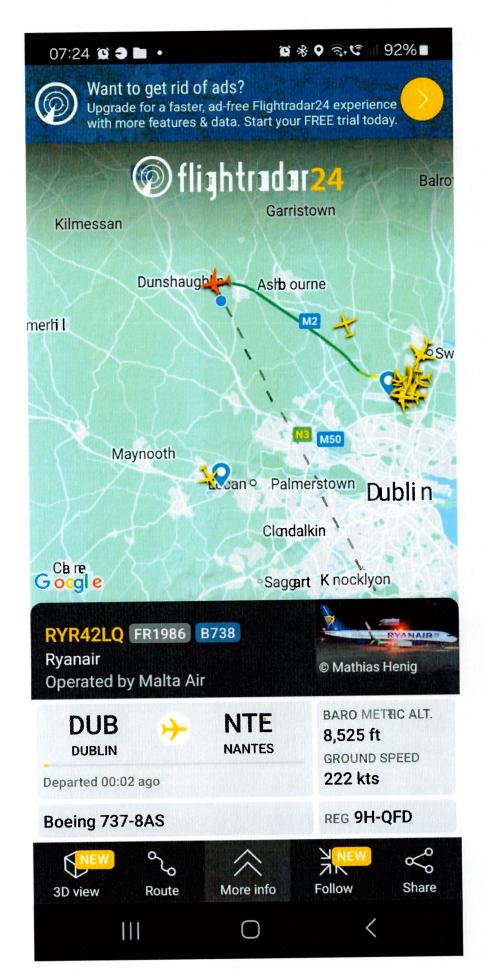
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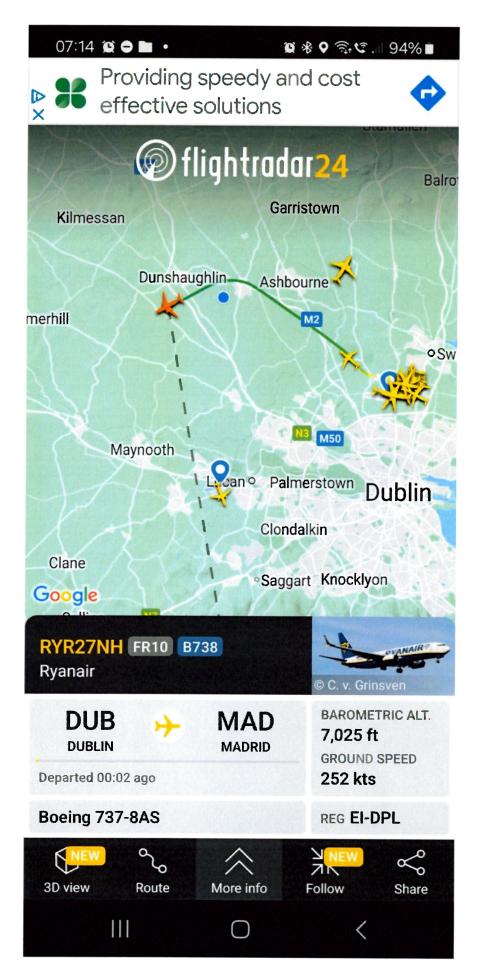
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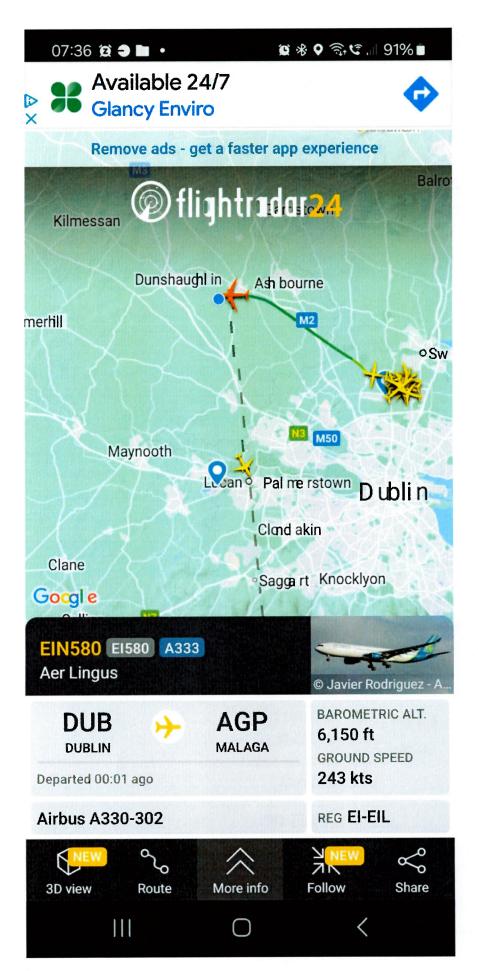
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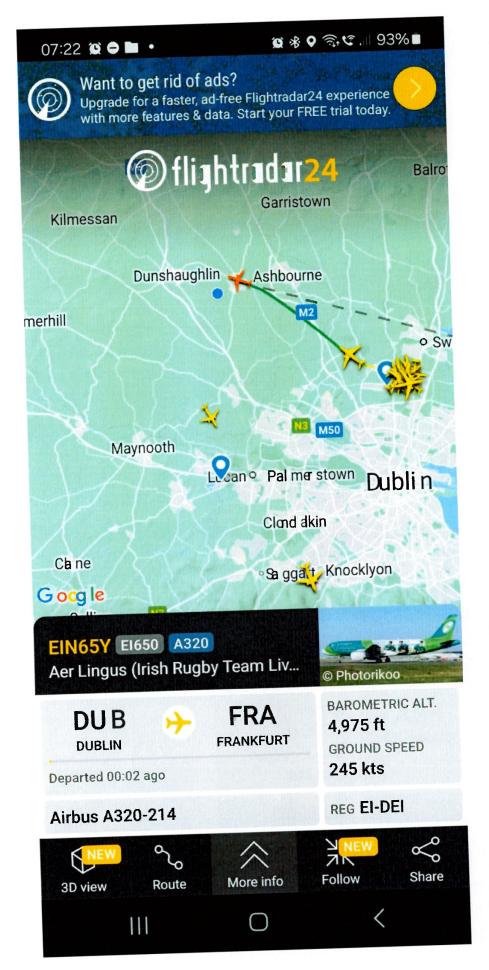
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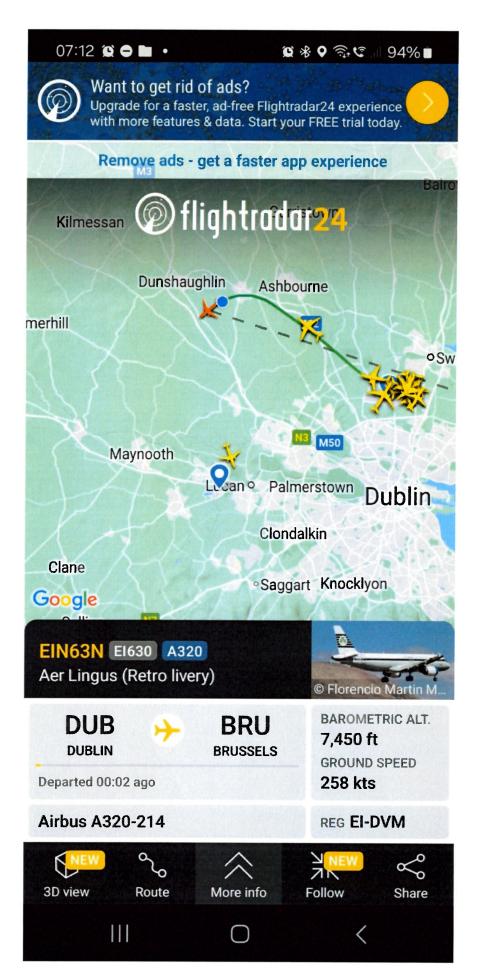
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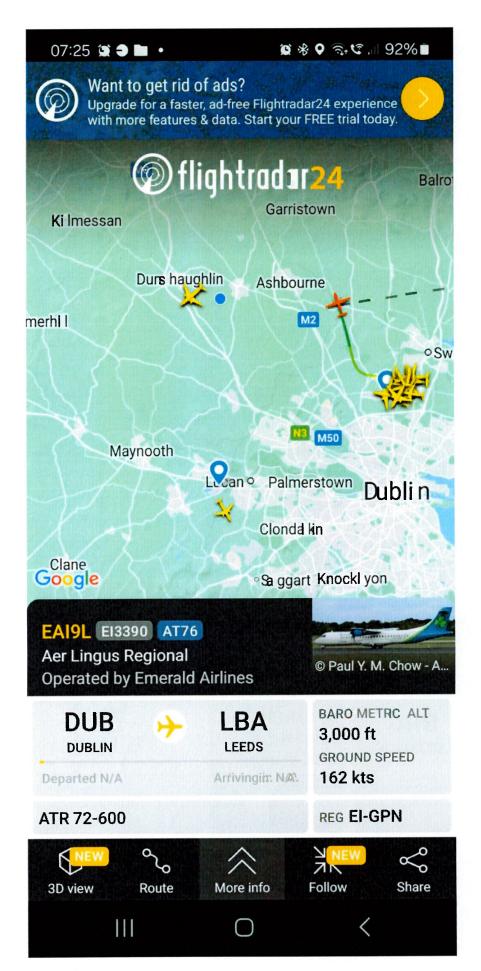
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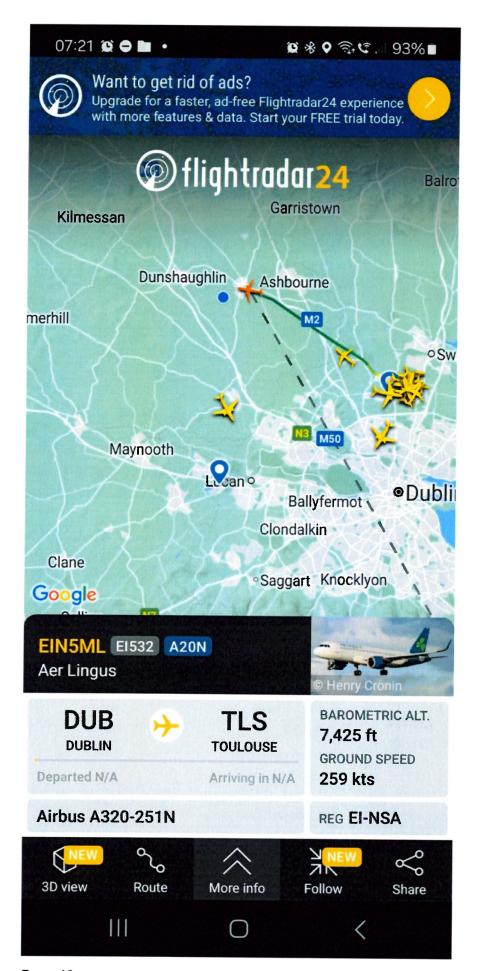
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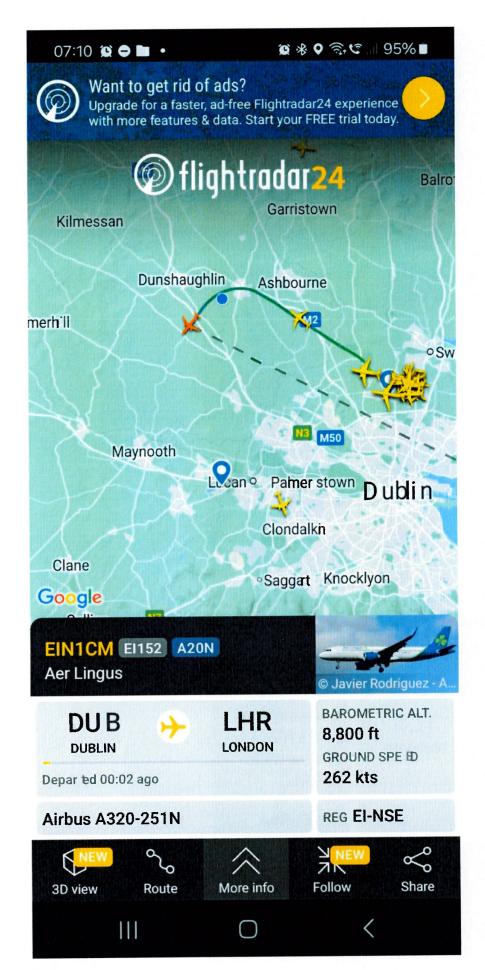
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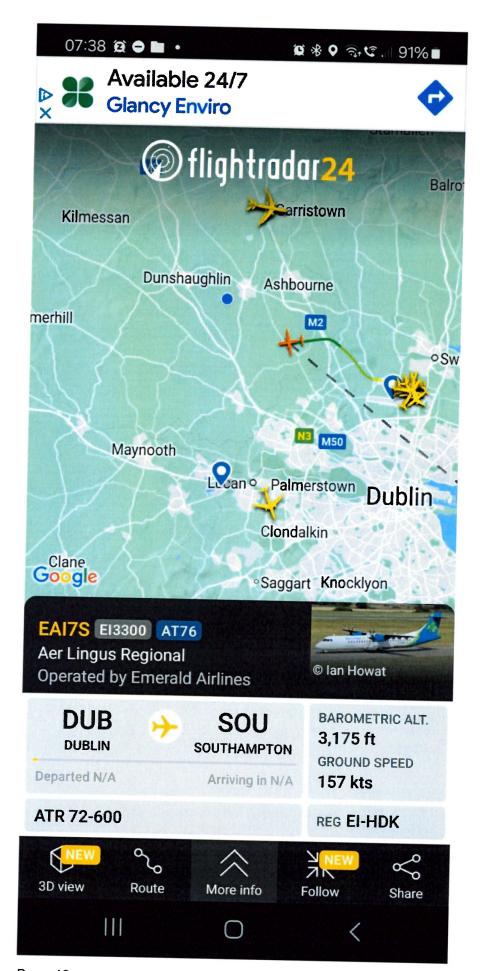
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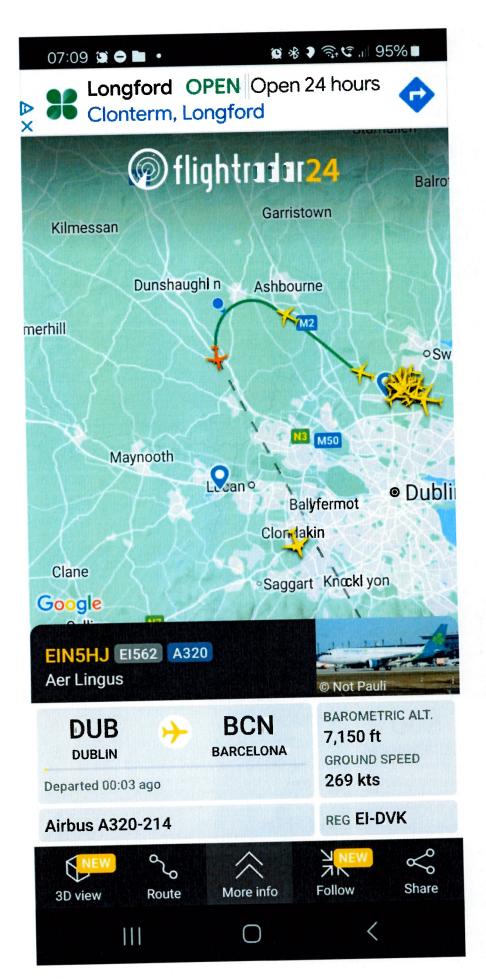
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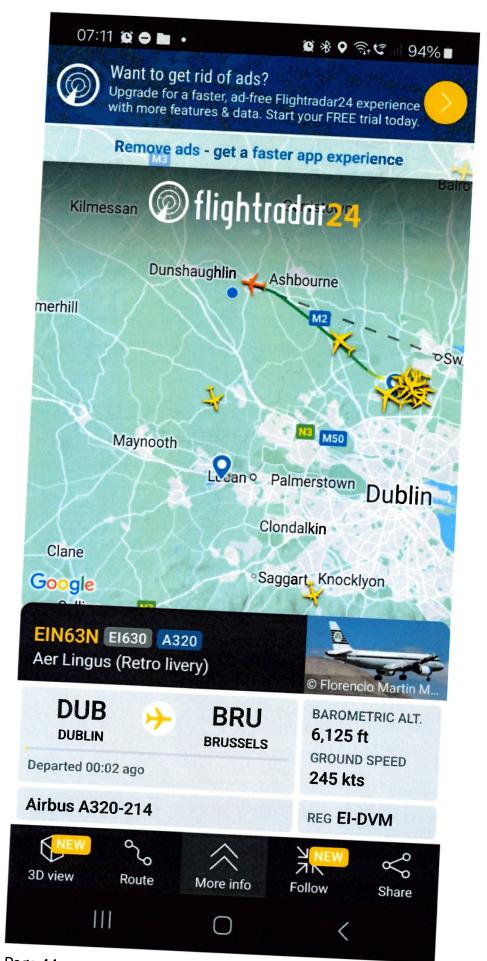


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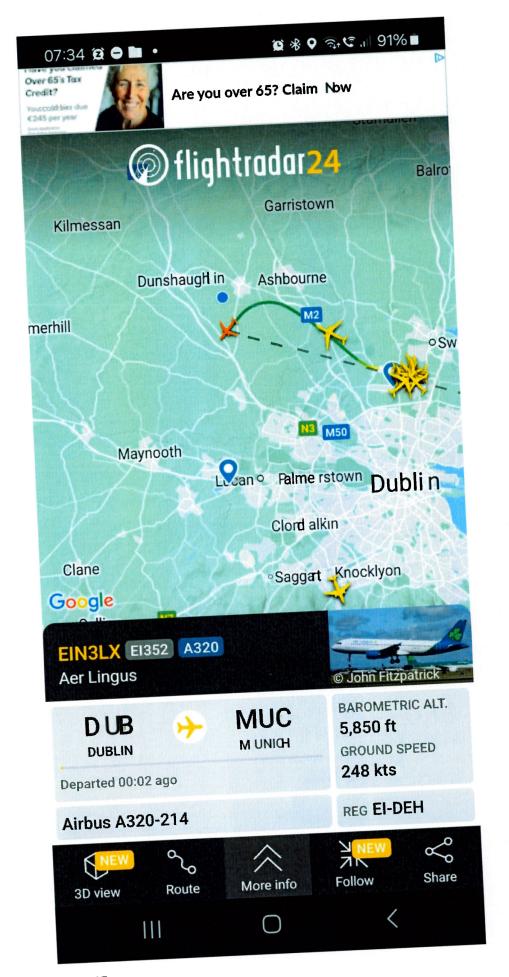
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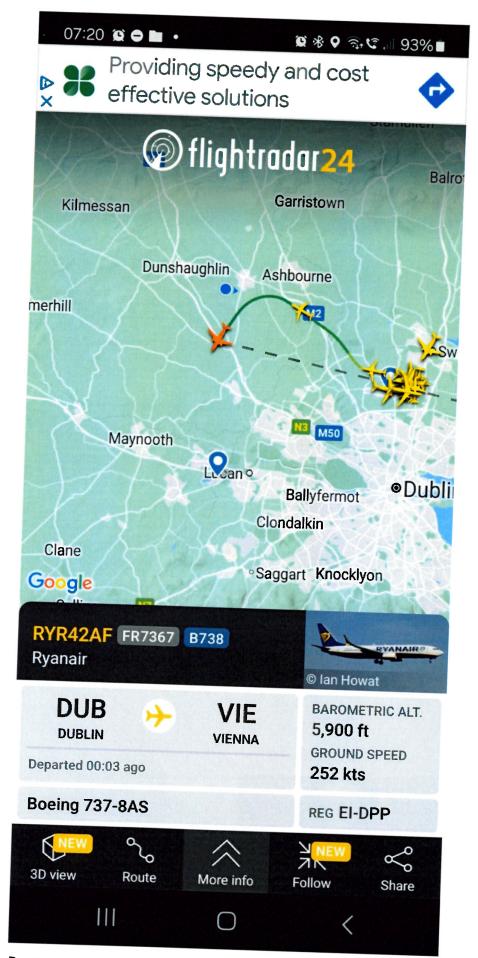


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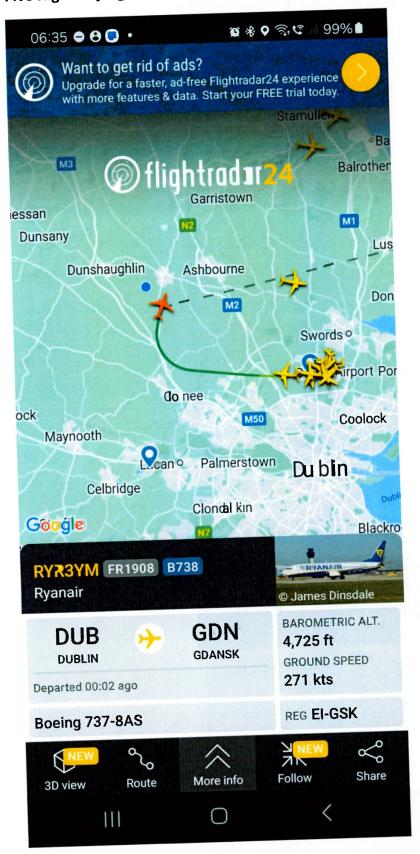


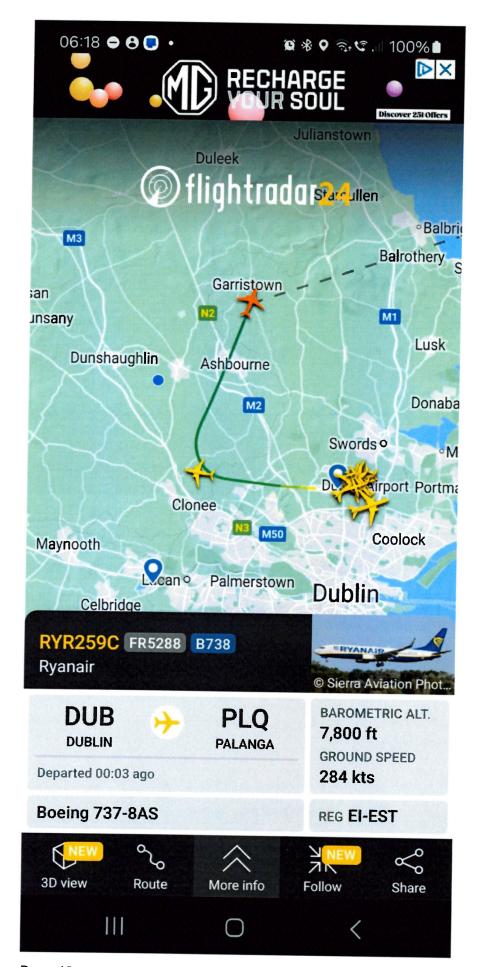
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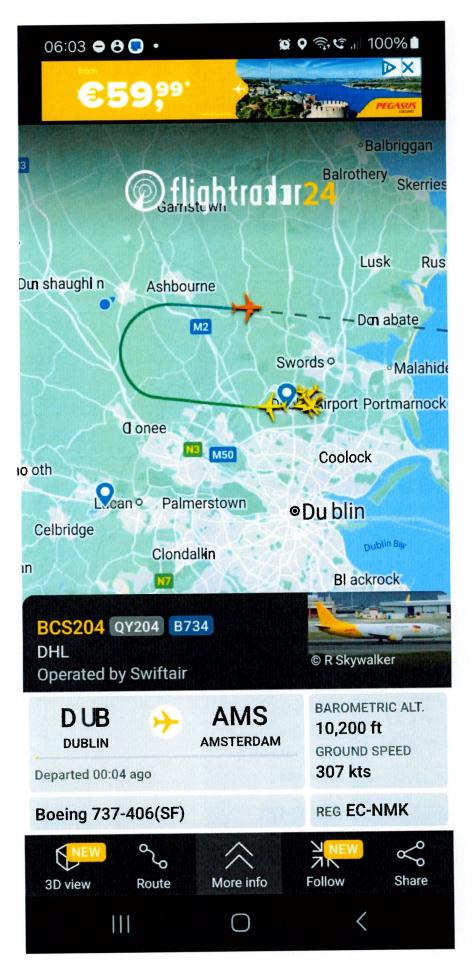
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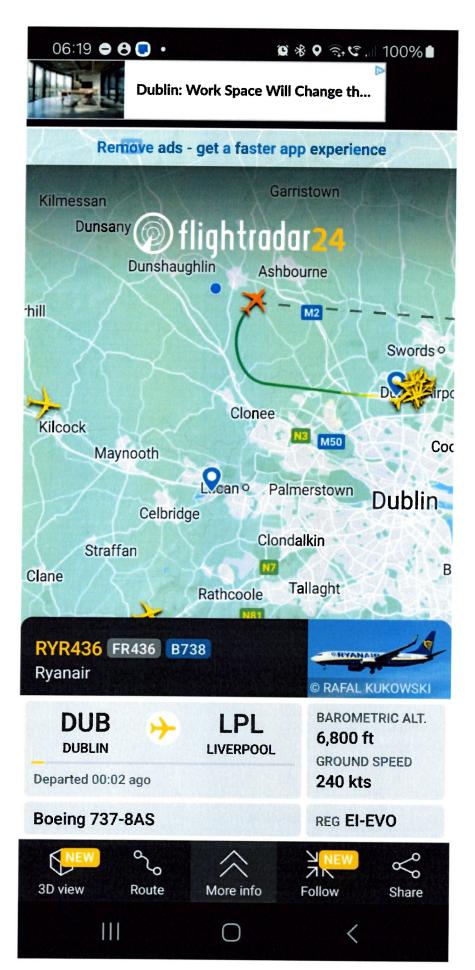


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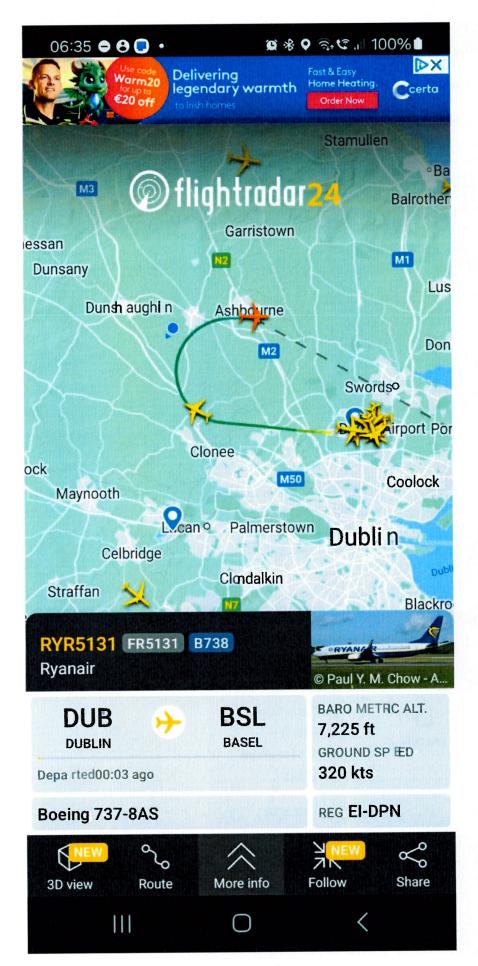


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