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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 314485-22

Defer Re O/H

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 23/12/24
from Scott Wright I recommend that section 131 of the Planning
and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

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Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

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Task No

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004155

James
BP40 to issue
VFR, 30/12

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Scott Wright

Lodgement Date
23/12/2024 15:48:39

Case Number / Description
314485

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Scott Wright

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required



Yes — See attached 131 Form



N/A — Invalid

Signed

Cathy Conlon

EO

Date

24/12/24

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG— *076984-24.*

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer



Yes



No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval



Yes



No

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Date

Finance Section

Payment Reference

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

Scott Wright

Swallows Nest

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Dear An Bord Pleanála,

I wish to formally object to the current decision regarding the proposed changes to night-time flight operations at Dublin Airport. My objection is grounded in both the severe personal impacts my family has experienced and the broader public health, environmental, and legal concerns raised in the Inspector's Report.

In 2010, we went through a lengthy, difficult, and costly planning process (Reference: F09A/0533) to build our family home — a home we designed as our 'forever home.' We invested our heart, soul, and financial resources into this property, only for the quality of life we built to be severely disrupted since the opening of the new runway.

Despite our home being well-insulated, the noise from flights has become unbearable. Flights are not adhering to the originally approved routes, and this deviation has exposed us to significant levels of noise pollution. The constant disruption means we are all regularly woken in the early hours of the morning and late at night. My daughter now struggles with school due to persistent fatigue, often attending classes feeling like a 'zombie.'

While I understand the strategic importance of the new runway, it is unacceptable that flight paths are not being adhered to and that noise mitigation measures are insufficient to protect affected residents. We dread how much worse life will get should the DAA be allowed more night time flights.

Key Grounds for Objection

1. Unauthorised Deviations from Approved Flight Paths

- The Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) has significantly deviated from the approved Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) flight paths.
- These deviations breach planning Condition 1, which mandates adherence to the approved flight routes.
- No updated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or planning application has been submitted to reflect these changes.

2. Insufficient Noise Mitigation Measures

- Insulation schemes, even when implemented, are inadequate in addressing night-time noise disturbances, particularly low-frequency noise and peak noise events.
- The proposed grant of €20,000 for insulation is insufficient, especially considering the high construction costs in Ireland.
- The burden of noise mitigation should not fall on homeowners. DAA must assume full responsibility for ensuring adequate measures are in place.

3. Severe Health and Well-being Impacts

- Chronic sleep disruption due to night-time noise has well-documented health consequences, including cardiovascular diseases, mental health disorders, and cognitive impairments.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) emphasizes that even one additional awakening per night represents a significant adverse health impact.
- My family and others in our community are already experiencing these adverse effects firsthand.

4. Need for a Night-Time Flight Cap

- International best practices from major airports such as Schiphol and Heathrow demonstrate the importance of such caps to mitigate health and environmental risks.

5. Loss of Trust in the Planning System

- The unauthorised changes to flight paths and inadequate response to the resulting impacts have severely eroded community trust in the DAA and the regulatory authorities.
- The integrity of the planning process must be upheld, and deviations without proper reassessment should not be permitted.

Recommendations

1. Immediate Return to Approved Flight Paths

- The DAA must cease all unauthorised deviations and revert to the originally approved flight paths under the EIS.

2. Retain the Cap on Night-Time Flights

- This must remain in place to protect public health and community well-being.

3. Full Accountability for Noise Mitigation Costs

- The insulation grant scheme must be redesigned to cover the full costs of effective noise insulation for affected properties.

4. Comprehensive Reassessment and Public Consultation

- A new Environmental Impact Assessment must be conducted, considering the health, environmental, and community impacts of the current flight operations.

Conclusion

The decision must prioritise the health, safety, and well-being of affected residents. The flight path deviations, insufficient mitigation measures, and failure to enforce noise restrictions constitute a breach of planning conditions and undermine public trust in the planning process.

Permission should be denied until these critical issues are addressed comprehensively and transparently.

Your sincerely,

Scott Wright

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