



Garda probe as bodies of elderly man

Locals believed tragic couple, who had not been seen since 2020, had moved away during the pandemic

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 34C(15) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 OF A REGULATORY DECISION AND RELATED REPORT MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 34C(14) RELATING TO AN AIRCRAFT NOISE ASSESSMENT AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 16(1)(B) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN PLANS AND PROGRAMMES) REGULATIONS 2004 REGARDING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN RELATION TO REGULATORY DECISION AND NOISE ABATEMENT OBJECTIVE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT UNDER REGULATION 42(11) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011 IN RELATION TO REGULATORY DECISION AND NOISE ABATEMENT OBJECTIVE

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) has set a noise abatement objective (NAO) for Dublin Airport, which is to limit and reduce the long-term adverse effects of aircraft noise on health and quality of life, particularly at night, as part of the sustainable development of Dublin Airport.

In addition, ANCA has:

- adopted a regulatory decision under subsection 34C(14)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the Act of 2000), and
- revised the related report under Section 34C(14)(b) of the Act of 2000.

The regulatory decision and related report contain an assessment of the aircraft noise implications arising from a planning application by the airport authority for Dublin Airport (F20A/0668) under Section 34C of the Act of 2000, seeking to amend prior planning conditions associated with night-time aircraft activity at the airport.

ANCA undertook the following environmental assessments in relation to the implementation of the NAO and regulatory decision:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment pursuant to Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment and the (European Communities Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004-2011 (as amended) (the SEA Regulations), and
- Appropriate Assessment pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

A SEA Statement is available for inspection which summarises –

- how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,
- how
 - the environmental report prepared pursuant to article 12,
 - submissions and observations made to the competent authority in response to a notice under article 13, and
 - any consultations under article 14, have been taken into account during the preparation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,
- the reasons for choosing the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and
- the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with article 17 of the SEA Regulations, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme.

The NAO, its supporting report, the regulatory decision, and its related report along with the related Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Final Environmental Report, SEA Statement, Natura Impact Statement, and Appropriate Assessment Determination, may be viewed on the ANCA website: www.fingal.ie/aircraftnoiseca/documents-f20a0668. Hard copies are also available to view or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the ANCA office: County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin K67 X8Y2 from Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays) for at least 4 weeks from the date of this notice.

A right to appeal to An Bord Pleanála against the regulatory decision exists under section 37 of the Act of 2000 as read with section 37R.

ANCA's regulatory decision has been sent to the planning authority of Fingal County Council. The planning authority shall incorporate this regulatory decision in the planning authority's decision on the application.

**Director of Services,
Aircraft Noise Competent Authority**

Date: 21/06/2022.

**Ken Foy, Ralph Riegel and
Laura Lynott**

THE bodies of a couple found in their Tipperary home had been undiscovered since at least last year, gardaí believe.

Locals told gardaí they thought the elderly man and woman, both aged in their late 70s, and originally from England, had moved away from Ireland during the pandemic.

The grim discovery was made shortly after 4pm yesterday when gardaí called to the remote property at Cloneen in south Tipperary.

The bodies are understood to have been there for so long that dental records may be required for formal identification.

Some locals have told officers that the couple had not been seen in the locality since 2020.

"People had thought that they had moved away from Ireland during the Covid pandemic but unfortunately this was not the case," a source told the *Irish Independent*.

Concerns were raised by neighbours and friends who had not seen the couple for some time.

Gardaí gained access to the property at Cloneen, located off the Fethard-Mullinahone

Leinster ace McCarthy 'nearly quit' as he reveals that he's gay

Clan Tracey

LEINSTER scrum-half Nick McCarthy has revealed he contemplated retiring from rugby instead of coming out as gay.

Having come out to his team-mates back in January, McCarthy has now spoken publicly about his sexuality for the first time.

The 27-year-old struggled with being gay for some time but after breaking his silence, McCarthy has found comfort in the welcoming reaction of his friends, family and everyone within Leinster.

McCarthy returned to Leinster last summer following two years with Munster, and the former Ireland U-20 international is hoping more players can follow his lead.

Leinster lock Jack Dunne, who is set to join Exeter, has previously spoken about his bisexuality, with McCarthy having taken courage from his team-mate.

Speaking to the Leinster website, McCarthy said: "I came out to my team-mates in January and I was pretty nervous about doing so, but I'm really happy that I did it. "I struggled with coming



out for a while and it was starting to impact on me and my happiness so it was the right decision. It affected me so much that I contemplated walking away from rugby altogether because I just didn't think I could come out while playing rugby."

When asked why he felt he couldn't come out while playing the game he loves, McCarthy said he needed to come to terms with everything before he spoke to Leinster coaches Leo Cullen and Stuart Lancaster.

"I needed to accept being

gay myself before I could address it with others.

"I have great friends in rugby but I didn't know how they would take it," he said.

McCarthy also revealed he was inspired by other sports stars, including one of his own team-mates, speaking in public about their sexuality.

"I'm a private person so I was unsure about coming out publicly," said McCarthy.

"But looking at Carl Nassib [American Football player] or Josh Cavallo [Australian soccer player] coming out and Jack Dunne here in Leinster

Carbon cuts share-out talks increase

Caroline O'Doherty

TALKS between Government departments on sharing the burden of emissions cuts are reaching a critical phase ahead of the summer recess.

Each department will be set a maximum level of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases the activities under its control can produce.

These are called sectoral emissions ceilings. Work-

ing groups of senior officials assisted by external climate scientists and energy experts are trying to work out where the levels or ceilings should be set. When all the allowable emissions are added up, they cannot exceed a total national 'carbon budget'.

Apart from the technical challenges involved in setting achievable targets, the officials have to keep an eye on the cost impact of their proposals and

how fairly they spread the burden of cuts.

Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue has said an indicative range of targets set last year are too tight for his department.

He says he will resist any attempt to push on him the target at the higher end of the range. That's despite warnings from emissions experts in the Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) and the Envi-