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26/02/2022

Dear Sir/Madam

I am very distressed to see DAA are in a process to remove the night-time safeguards for our sleep and health requirements that are necessary per the WHO, this even before the runway has opened.

The grant of planning permission was only permitted by An Bord Pleanala in 2007 with 31 conditions of protecting our health and well-being in the flightpaths of the airport. At the oral hearing in 2006, the Inspector rejected the application and recommended refusal based on the adverse health impacts on those surrounding and in those in the flight paths. The DAA agreed with the Board not to have scheduled flights on the new runway for 8 night-time hours, and to reduce the night-time flights to 65 on the current runway.

We all had to accept the conditions as parties to the planning process – But the DAA have seen this grant of planning to construct the runway and now totally change the conditions to include 24 hours flying at the airport. The busiest times are 11 – 12 pm and flights start at around 5.30 am and are continuous until about 8:30pm every 2 minutes. This is highly annoying/interferes with our sleep already with only the current runway open.

Therefore, how many flights per night is there in the 7990 NQC or what you have given 16,260 does that equate to a year, a night? Thus, the 8-hour sleep bank so necessary for health and well-being will be robbed from us, should these night flights be granted.

Additionally, we are writing this letter to you to highlight a concern we have for our grandson that lives with us.

Our grandson was born 7.5 years old and diagnosed by the HSE in April 2021 with Autism (ASD) and Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD). As you may know ASD is a developmental disorder that he will not recover from, and SPD is a condition that impacts all his senses. However, we as a family have been able to manage these disorders largely due to his home environment adhering to his sensory needs and his need for predictability in his environment. What I have highlighted above will have a major impact on this.

Our grandson lives and sleeps directly under the flight path of the new north runway, so too is our home and garden where he plays every day. The noise from the planes will have a massive impact on his well-being thus impacting us as a family. We know this will affect him as when the airport was conducting tests of the runway with a propeller plane over a week in late summer 2021 during daylight hours the plane startled him, and he would cover his ears/be upset and deregulated for a period after.

Our grandson has had many struggles in getting to where he is developmentally and the additional noise, we believe will set our family back to a time where he struggled. His development has not been linear and

there have been many struggles for him and us as a family along the way. However, the sanctuary and tranquility of his grandparent's home (our home) in [REDACTED] has helped him be able to regulate himself. With planes flying directly overhead during the day and in his sleeping hours, as highlighted above, this will not only remove his ability to find peace and quiet from society, but it will also impact on his time within society, as he will have no escape (no sanctuary) from the stress and strain of everyday life. This will also impact on his ability to regulate himself in school which will impact on him being able to develop friendships.

I hope you take this into consideration when making decisions for the new North Runway and the community of [REDACTED]

Please feel free to contact us on the numbers below.

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