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Re: Aircraft Noise Consultation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to make the following submission to the Aircraft Noise Consultation currently being carried out by the Aircraft Noise Competency Authority (ANCA) on its draft recommendations regarding DAA's application to amend aircraft operating restrictions at Dublin Airport when the new north runway opens.

We appreciate ANCA undertaking a public consultation before submitting its final response on the planning application. We have set out our thoughts below and hope that these are taken into consideration by ANCA.

Kind regards,

Roderic O'Gorman, TD, and Cllr Pamela Conroy

Noise Abatement Objective Timeline

We welcome the Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) and its' ambition to achieve "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".

However, it is a very long term plan, aiming to for a 50% reduction in people highly sleep disturbed by 2040 compared to 2019. We feel that the timelines set out within the NAO need to be brought forward, so people can benefit from quieter nights sooner. Disturbed sleep has a massive impact on people's health and a target of 2040 means our constituents will be suffering as a result of aircraft noise for much longer than they need to.

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Baseline Night Time Noise Quota

We have serious concerns about using the noise experienced in 2019 as the baseline for the night time noise quota. This was the busiest year for Dublin airport and was also a year when the airport breached the cap on journeys. As a result, the noise experienced in 2019 was quite high.

We suggest that a lower baseline for the noise quota should be set. We appreciate that setting a lower baseline will mean that the overall % reduction in the long-term impact of aircraft noise will be lower as the overall target set out in the NAO will remain the same. However, we believe that starting from a lower baseline will be better for our constituents as they won't be potentially exposed to the levels of noise they experienced in 2019. So overall, a lower baseline for the noise quota is better for those currently suffering from the long-term impact of aircraft noise.

New Noise Insulation Scheme

The new noise insulation scheme is welcome, but we feel that the area within which households can apply for it should be widened. As it currently stands in ANCAs draft recommendations, areas which were exposed to levels at or above Lnight 55dB are eligible for the new noise insulation scheme.

Looking at the level of noise experienced in 2019, there are areas in Dublin 15 which were exposed to levels at or above Lnight 55dB. However, these are not included in the proposed new scheme as the predicted noise level used to determine which households can apply for the scheme, has these homes just outside the relevant contour. We feel that it should be linked to the Lnight 50-54dB contour at least, and further if possible.

Noise monitors

We feel that additional noise monitors need to be installed across Tyrrelstown, Hollystown, Hollywoodrath and Ongar to get a real-time understanding of levels of noise.