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Submission to ANCA as part of Consultation Process to remove Night Time Restrictions on
PL06F. 217492 imposed by An Bord Pleanala in August 2007 to protect the communities beside
Dublin Airport.

Dear ANCA Team

We live at the end of Kilreesk Lane , which will be about 1km from the end of the runway, when it opens with a due date in August 2022.

Daa are seeking to undermine the health and well-being of residents in the flight path , and deeming them insignificant and too small to matter in their airport runway development plans. We have experienced this with the original application for planning in 2004 and then with Bord Pleanala in 2006. The construction of both runways, has caused distress, anxiety with the uncertainty and lack of recognition, we are here, to be considered relevant as a community and individuals, living on the boundaries of Dublin Airport.

When runway 10R-28L was constructed, there was no planning permission required and the people of Newtown were subjected to aircraft noise for the first time, with no mitigation measures put in place. Only after pressure from the Community, an insulation scheme was offered, which was far from adequate at that time. The residents of Newtown were considered insignificant at that time.

We sought to ensure the health and well being would be considered priority when the planning application F04A/1755 was lodged. This led to the Oral Hearing in 2006, and the new runway was only granted on, on the condition of night time restrictions, in the interest of the health of residents in St Margarets and Portmanock and Malahide, The Ward, and areas not yet affected.

On announcing the commencement of the construction of the new runway, daa announced their intention to remove the night time restrictions and had attempted to do so , through and SID to Bord Pleanala in 2008, which was refused.

So this is where we find ourselves now. The runway is finished with commissioning taking place. The setting up of ANCA as the mediator for DAA and to answer to the EU legislation, with decisions based on a “ Balanced Approach” There is nothing balanced for our family, to see daa now seek to

disregard the planning conditions, which we all had to accept, and have a sense of entitlement to remove the very health and safety conditions, imposed to protect. It is very concerning that ANCA is funded by DAA and receive all their data from DAA now and into the future. ANCA is also aligned to the planning authority where the applicant submits their planning applications for the airport.

The Applicant puts forward mitigation solutions of a so called “ Voluntary “ Insulation and Dwelling purchases scheme. Our homes are not dwellings - they represent our lives, our families , our friends and neighbours, our community , our identity , built up for three generations in my family.

The Insulation scheme is not adequate for us here in Kilreesk and must be reviewed with engagement with each household adversely affected. The methodology for the noise contours does not take in the gravity of actual noise we will experience, when the second runway opens. The Home Buy out scheme is far from incentivising one to look at giving up what we have, our identity, our sense of community , our history , memories, location and rural way of life. The value of these have not been factored in. Our Homes are so much more that cannot be quantified in financial terms.

Should ANCA permit the 16,260 Aircraft Quota Counts over 7990 originally sought by DAA. Where does that leave us. We will be in limbo The issue of our position, must be held per the conditions imposed in August 2007, to at least permit us to a quality of life , where a nights sleep will be guaranteed with reduced aircraft movements to only 65 per night.

We note another application in progress to install 10 Aircraft Stands on the Apron , which will create additional aircraft noise, and the cumulative effect cannot even be contemplated at this time. This is again piece meal planning . The outcome of this is still pending.

We hope ANCA will take on board our position and refuse DAA to remove the night time restrictions in the interest of us living here and our health and well-being going forward.

Yours sincerely

Margaret and Michael Thomas and Family.

Attached : Longitudinal Data.