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Dear Fingal County Council

We wish to express an objection to the proposed planning changes involving the permission for flights in/out of Dublin Airport between 11pm and 7am.

Our main concerns regarding this change in planning are outlined as follows:

- 1. We have two small children. Disruption to sleep in childhood is associated with irritability and changes in behaviour, reduced academic performance which will thus affect social and academic interactions. As minors, their interests are often compromised in favour of 'economic gain'. We must ensure that they are not compromised.
- 2. We are not the only family with children. Society has a responsibility to promote a healthy classroom environment for all children, without prejudice. To disadvantage a whole generation within a community, and generations to come, goes against the stated values of Fingal County Council to "Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the county."
- 3. The environmental impact of extending the hours of flying would be detrimental to the air quality of the area as aviation is a significant source of dangerous emissions. Increasing the operating hours would inevitably increase the direct emissions from the aircrafts as well as from air-side service vehicles and plant, and the surface access required. For Fingal to be a great place to "live, work, visit and do business" as set out in your stated vision, the residents and visitors must be ensured of safe air quality, without undue pollution.
- 4. As professionals in public service, we are keenly aware of our responsibility to be appropriately rested before attending work. Interrupted sleep is associated with increased risk of workplace and driving errors, both of which can have life altering consequences. We implore Fingal County Council to protect us, and our community, from additional noise pollution at night, thereby helping to protect us from these errors by day.

Please consider this as a matter of priority. We look forward to your acknowledgement.

Kind regards,

John and Fiona Maguire