

S.37

File With

## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 314485-22

Defer Re O/H

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 13/12/2023  
from Eoghan Dockwell I recommend that section 131 of the Planning  
and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):

no new material issues

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

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Signed

Pat Q

EO

Date

20/12/2023

Signed

SEO/SAO

Date

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Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

To

Task No

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

BP

Signed

EO

Date

Signed

AA

Date



## Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-002905

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Eoghan Dockrell

Lodgement Date  
13/12/2023 10:47:16

Case Number / Description  
314485

### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Eoghan Dockrell

Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Processing Section

#### S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

*Pat B.*

EO

Date

20/12/2023

### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG— 06 8769- 23.

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes ☐ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed

EO

Date

### Finance Section

Payment Reference

ch\_30MpyCB1CW0EN5FC0iracZRP

Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

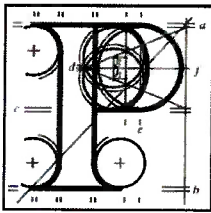
SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date



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Bord  
Pleanála

## Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

### Your details

#### 1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Eoghan Dockrell

(b) Address

178 the Gallery apartments, Donabate.

### Agent's details

#### 2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.



## Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

**You (the observer) at the address in Part 1**

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**The agent at the address in Part 2**

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## Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

**(a) Planning authority**

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Fingal County Council

**(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)**

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

PL06F.314485

**(c) Planning authority register reference number**

(for example: 18/0123)

F20A/0668

**(d) Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Dublin Airport

## Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

I work in rural areas of Fingal on a daily basis (places like Ballyboughal, Oldtown and Naul) and in each of these locations I am disturbed by the significant noise levels coming from overflying aircraft. Through my work, I have met hundreds of residents and neighbours in these villages, who have said that their health and happiness have been negatively impacted and they are suffering as a direct consequence of unrelenting aircraft noise.

My observation can be split into three parts, summarised below:

1. What I and other people I've met have already experienced.
2. What I and other people I've met fear for the future.
3. What should happen to address peoples concerns.

**1. What I and other people I've met have already experienced.**

The noise from the frequent night flights and the current flight paths during the day is intolerable. I and others in the area are mentally exhausted by the unrelenting noise coming from these aircraft. There are also signs that people are experiencing physical ailments because of this aircraft noise, which never ceases. There is also clear evidence to demonstrate that such noise, experienced by residents consistently (even at low levels), can lead to the onset of serious and chronic medical conditions (cardiovascular, skin conditions, mental health conditions; all brought about as a result of ongoing stress caused by noise from these illegal flights). I have heard anecdotally, from working with people in these villages, that many people have gone to their doctor describing sleep disturbances that now require medication, worrying symptoms of high blood pressure and feeling anxious and at times depressed because of how helpless they feel with the situation that they're in.

**2. What I and other people I've met fear for the future.**

While people have told me what has happened to them so far, they are equally worried for the future and what will happen if their health problems (caused by flight noise) persist into the future. Several people have told me they are considering moving from the area as they cannot countenance living with this excessive noise pollution in the long term. While everyone I've met acknowledges that they were aware – when moving to the area – that the airport was in relatively close proximity, nobody accepts that they should have to endure severe sleep disturbance and health consequences because of the current flight paths being used (which are in contravention of the 2007 planning conditions). In short, there has been a significant increase in night flights and flights generally over north county Dublin in recent years

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and it is not accurate to say that this has always been the case (as has been stated by those defending the DAAs position).

People fear that given the planning stipulations set down in 2007 have been flouted so brazenly, how far will the DAA go and will the result be unlimited night flights and a long term continuation of flights frequently causing severe noise in our area during the day. People are distressed and are rightfully concerned for their future and the future of their family in the area.

**3. What should happen to address people's concerns:**

- The Relevant Action should not be approved as it would be extremely damaging for all our communities.
- Acceptance of the Relevant Action by ABP – and thus retention of the flightpaths – would set a dangerous precedent that ABP conditions should be ignored if inconvenient.
- An oral hearing is absolutely necessary given the gravity of the situation.

The tens of thousands of people in North County Dublin should be listened to and our voices should be heard. We are the ones being impacted by the DAAs decisions. It is not a binary "either / or" decision between the economic health of our airport and the health of people in North County Dublin. We can have a thriving airport and also respect the rights of the people living in North County Dublin.



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## Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.  
Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,

- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

## **Fee - €50.00 (if a submission was not already made)**

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our **Fees and Charges Guide** on our website.

This document has been awarded a Plain English mark by NALA.  
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