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## 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 ITC 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 B

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-002907

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Eoghan O'Mara Walsh

Lodgement Date  
13/12/2023 12:42:10

Case Number / Description  
314485

### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Arlene Woods

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

€ 50

Lodgement No

LDG— 06 87 54-23

Reason for Refund

Overpaid - no fee required (existing participant)

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes ☒ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☒ Yes ☐ No

Signed

*Pat B*

EO

Date

20/12/2023

### Finance Section

Payment Reference

ch\_30MrIOB1CW0EN5FC0dD7sCQz

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

The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D01 V902

December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Re. Proposal by daa plc. comprising the taking of a Relevant Action only within the meaning of Section 34C of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which relates to the night-time use of the runway system at Dublin Airport.**

**Bord Pleanála Case reference: PL06F.314485**  
**Planning Authority Case Reference: F20A/0668**

Dear An Bord Pleanála,

I am writing to you as CEO of the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation, to express our strong support for the current proposals before the Board in respect of the above referenced application for planning permission. The application, which proposes changes to permitted runway operations at Dublin Airport, including the introduction of a Noise Quota Count System, represents a strategic application of national importance, in particular for the Irish Tourism sector and the wider Irish economy.

ITIC fully supports Fingal County Council's decision to grant permission for the North Runway Relevant Action in line with the ANCA determination in August 2022. We now wish to stress the importance of a timely decision on this appeal, given its strategic national importance and the fact that it has already been 3 years in the planning system.

Tourism, Ireland's largest indigenous industry, was one of the fastest expanding sectors of the economy pre-pandemic. Tourism spending in 2019 reached €10 billion, in the context of 6.8% (CAGR) annual growth over a five-year period. The industry is a critically important employer nationally, providing almost 1 in 8 jobs, more than agriculture and construction combined, and almost equal to FDI employment. Tourism is the driver of economic prosperity, jobs, income and well-being of many towns and rural areas across the country.

Air connectivity has been a critical driver of Ireland's tourism growth over many years. Up to 90% of overseas visitors arrive by air. Ireland benefits from a highly competitive network of access routes, successfully delivered via a competitive mix of overseas and Ireland-based carriers. Aer Lingus and Ryanair rapidly reinstated service post COVID – in summer 2023, Aer Lingus operated an expanded transatlantic network, while Ryanair capacity was up 22% on short haul routes, compared to pre-pandemic levels.

As recognised in daa's recently published Economic Impact Study 2023, Dublin Airport is a key lynchpin of the Irish economy. This is recognised at all levels of planning policy, with the National Planning Framework charging Dublin Airport with providing High Quality International connectivity in the national interest.

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As an island, good access by air, and accessibility and convenience of air travel, are central to Ireland's tourism product. Direct flights, good connections and competitive pricing can make a destination more appealing to tourists, positively impacting tourism numbers. A grant of permission for the North Runway Relevant Action will thus contribute significantly to the Irish tourism sector, by building such global routes and connections, and importantly, maximise return on the investment made at Dublin Airport to date, in the North Runway, and ensure this potential is fully realised.

Therefore, we strongly believe that use of the North Runway should be optimised by moving to a Noise Quota System and by extending the hours of operation by an hour in the morning and evening. This will enable the efficient use of this strategic national infrastructure asset and maintain and enhance Ireland's connectivity – in support of a strong and vibrant tourism sector. Further, a noise quota count system, is a more effective way of managing aircraft noise, offering more flexibility and precision compared to a simple movement limit and would actively incentivise use of quieter aircraft.

To conclude, ITIC fully supports Fingal County Council's decision to grant permission for the North Runway Relevant Action and we believe that this is a crucial issue which could impact the development of the Irish Tourism sector if not resolved in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely,



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**Eoghan O'Mara Walsh**  
CEO

**ITIC Membership:**

Aer Lingus, Association of Irish Professional Conference Organisers (AIPCO), Approved Tourist Guides of Ireland (ATGI), Association of Visitor Experiences and Attractions (AVEA), B&B Ireland, Car Rental Council of Ireland, CIE Tours International, Coach Tourism & Transport Council (CTTC), Do Dublin-Dublin Bus, Dublin Airport Authority, Dublin City Council (Tourism Unit), Emirates, Fáilte Ireland (Assoc Member), Guinness Storehouse, Incoming Tour Operators Association-Ireland (ITOA), Ireland's Association for Adventure Travel (IAAT), Ireland's Blue Book, Irish Boat Rental Association (IBRA), Irish Caravan & Camping Council, Irish Ferries, Irish Heritage Trust, Irish Hotel Federation (IHF), Irish Rail, Irish Self Catering Federation (ISCF), Jameson Distillery Bow St, Kildare Village, Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, Licensed Vintners Association (LVA), Office of Public Works (OPW), Planet Payments Ireland, Restaurants Association of Ireland (RAI), Stena Line, The Convention Centre Dublin, The Shannon Airport Group, Tourism Ireland (Assoc Member), Trinity College Dublin, TU Dublin, Vintners' Federation of Ireland, Waterways Ireland