

File With

SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 314485-22

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 13/12/2023
from Róisín Coary 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 Co

Date

20/11/2023

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Signed

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

Date

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Date

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LDG-068742-23

**Planning Appeal Online Observation****Online Reference**
NPA-OBS-002934**Online Observation Details****Contact Name**
Roisin Coary**Lodgement Date**
13/12/2023 21:59:27**Case Number / Description**
314485**Payment Details****Payment Method**
Online Payment**Cardholder Name**
Roisin Coary**Payment Amount**
€50.00**Processing Section****S.131 Consideration Required**☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form☐ N/A — Invalid**Signed**

Pat Coary

EO

Date

20/12/2023

Fee Refund Requisition**Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of**

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund**Documents Returned to Observer**☐ Yes ☐ No**Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval**☐ Yes ☐ No**Signed**

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Date**Finance Section****Payment Reference**

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

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Refund Date**Authorised By (1)**

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date**Date**

Observation to planning appeal
Bord Pleanála Case reference: PL06F.314485
Planning Authority Case Reference: F20A/0668

Observation made by Róisín Coary
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To whom it concerns,

My family and I moved to Coolquay in February 2021. We are now a family of 4, with two little girls (3 and 2 years). We decided to raise our family in a more rural setting, as this is what I wanted for my children having had a great experience of this as a child myself. I value open space, and a quieter environment away from the noise of the city. This is our first house. Before making the decision to move to Coolquay, we extensively investigated the area researching the locations both ourselves, and through friends who already lived here. Based on those investigations, we were under the impression (correctly) that no flight paths would bring noisy aircraft over our house (either the pre-existing south runway, or the proposed north runway).

Since the opening of the North runway in August 2022, we have been beset with frequent and intrusive noise pollution, from aircraft flying over our house. Within the house, this has resulted in difficulties hearing people on the phone (and vice versa), difficulties concentrating on work (some of my work can be done from home), and has made it very difficult to feel at peace in our own home. I have often been woken from sleep by passing aircraft in the middle of the night, and early in the morning. Outside, the noise is deafening. What was once a place of solace and retreat has now become a source of unease and anxiety – normally we look forward to the longer evenings in springtime, but this year I'm nearly afraid to use the garden because of the constant noise; in short the garden is unusable. I worry for my daughters' and our health. Our 3 year old has started to demonstrate signs of anxiety related to loud noises (covering her ears). I am concerned about both noise pollution, and the impact of the air quality around us. Our children attend a local playschool, and are subjected to the noise while there. We hope that they will attend Kilcoskan primary school, as it is right next door to us. However, they will also suffer from the noise pollution while there, and I have significant concerns about this as they will be more affected than myself, who at least gets to leave the area to go to work.

We performed our due diligence before we purchased this house and are now being punished because the DAA have moved their goalposts. Had we known there would be low flying aircraft directly over our family home, we wouldn't have moved here.

I object to the DAA's plan to extend the hours of departures from 6am to midnight (currently 7am – 11pm). Our family is already woken both in the mornings, and at night with these intrusive flights, and with extended hours of operation, this will only get worse. In addition to this, the degree of arousal (rather than awakening) from sleep will clearly increase, leading to a further reduction in quality of sleep. In fact, in the DAA's supporting document ("*independent Opinion by Dr. T. Penzel regarding the use of Awakenings as a method for assessment of noise impacts on sleep disturbance*") the author clearly highlights the detrimental effects of early morning flights "Because of the natural sleep structure the morning hour between 6:00 and 7:00 is more vulnerable to awakenings".

I object to the DAA's plan to remove the night-time movement cap on flights (in favour of the so-called "noise quota system"). This system does not take into account the fact that regular high decibel noise events (even though they may be reduced by a decibel or two, with "quieter planes") interfere with normal

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brain function (sleep) but may, on paper, seem to be within the “noise quota”. The World Health Organisation is very clear on the matter (WHO Guidelines for Community Noise, Executive Summary, p2.) when they state that *“when there are distinct events to the noise, as with aircraft or railway noise, measures of individual events such as the maximum noise level (LA Max) or the weighted sound exposure level (SEL) should also be obtained in addition to LAeq,T.”* This clearly highlights the inadequacy of using a noise quota scheme in the guise currently suggested by DAA, and, as well as depriving citizens of restful sleep, would surely leave the door open for civil actions in the future.

Most strenuously, I object to the current flight paths being used from the north runway, over my house, which were not granted by the original planning application. This is the crux of the matter, and I urge you to hold the DAA to the same level of accountability that you would any other citizen.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Róisín Coary