Appendix 9-8: Extract from daa Response to ANCA Draft Regulatory Decision

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9-8.1 Introduction

9-8.1.1 This appendix of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), prepared by Bickerdike Allen Partners LLP (BAP), reproduces daa's proposed refinements to Schedule A of ANCA's Draft Regulatory Decision on the Infrastructure Application, published in May 2026.

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Appendix B: Schedule of Proposed Amendments to the IA SIGS

Introduction

The following text is extracted from page 10 of the Draft Regulatory Decision, May 2026. The changes proposed reflect daa's support for the proposed IA SIGS, subject only to proportionate and process-focused refinements to its governance and implementation.

The following targeted refinements reflect daa's acceptance of the IA SIGS and are limited to practical, proportionate and process-focused refinements concerning eligibility, review arrangements, scheme coordination, governance and implementation. The refinements should be read alongside Section 4 and are intended to support fair, clear and deliverable administration of the scheme, without altering its purpose, eligibility contour, grant value or target performance. They do not propose to alter annual monitoring or reporting undertaken for the purposes of the NAO or applicable statutory requirements.

Draft RD as published shown *black italic and indented*; text insertions shown ***green***, suggested omissions shown ~~***red strikethrough***~~.

Proposed Text Refinements

AB.1. Proposed Condition

"Condition 1: Noise Insulation Scheme

A sound insulation grant scheme (SIGS) for residential dwellings shall be provided as detailed in Schedule A. Initial eligibility to the scheme shall apply to residential dwellings forecast to be exposed to aircraft noise at or above 60 dB L_{den} within the first calendar year following a grant of permission for this development.

Eligibility to the scheme shall be reviewed ***biennially, in August,*** ~~***every year thereafter***~~ *with residential dwellings situated in the 60 dB L_{den} contour for the preceding calendar year being eligible under the scheme.* ***Scheme to be aligned with the biennial review of other Dublin Airport sound insulation schemes (as appropriate).***

The scheme shall not apply to properties where works have been undertaken under any other existing noise insulation scheme or properties where a planning permission was granted after 09 December 2019, this being the date of adoption of the policies relating to development within Aircraft Noise Zones which are in Variation No 1 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 and retained in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. ***The scheme shall also not apply to dwellings where construction commenced after 09 December 2019 pursuant to a planning permission containing a condition requiring aircraft-noise insulation or other aircraft-noise mitigation measures.*** *This scheme shall be delivered in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule A (encl.)."*

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AB.2. Schedule A

Part 1

"Eligible Dwelling

A habitable dwelling:

- built in compliance with the provisions of the building regulations and the Planning and Development Act
- located within the Initial Eligibility Contour Area or Eligibility Contour Area
- But does not include a dwelling that:
  - *was constructed pursuant to a planning permission granted after 9 December 2019, being the date of adoption of the policies relating to development within Aircraft Noise Zones in Variation No 1 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 (and retained in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029);* ~~*and*~~ ***or***
  - ***construction commenced after 9 December 2019 pursuant to a planning permission containing a condition requiring aircraft-noise insulation or other aircraft-noise mitigation measures; or***
  - *has* ***previously*** *benefited from noise insulation* ***works*** ~~***previously***~~ *under this scheme;* ~~*and*~~ ***or***
  - *has* ***previously*** *benefited from noise insulation* ***works*** ~~***previously***~~ *under any other existing noise insulation schemes.*
- ***On expiry of the period of 10 years following opening of the scheme, where an eligible homeowner has failed to apply for insulation under the scheme. Except where a property requalifies via the biennial review.***

The proposed refinement changing from "and" to "or" is intended solely to improve drafting clarity and legal certainty. Each exclusion criterion is intended to operate independently. A dwelling should be ineligible where any one of the exclusion criteria applies, rather than only where multiple criteria are satisfied simultaneously. The refinements do not alter the scope or effect of the scheme; it simply ensures that the eligibility provisions operate as intended and avoids ambiguity in future administration of the IA SIGS.

"Eligibility Report

A report prepared and published ~~*every year*~~ ***biennially*** *by the Applicant in line with the requirements set out in Part 2: Determining Eligibility under the Scheme."*

AB.3. Part 1: Purpose of the Scheme and Governance

"The purpose of the scheme is to provide a package of noise insulation measures, assessed to achieve the Target Performance, up to a value limited to [€40,000] (Index Linked), exclusive of scheme administration costs, ***but inclusive of all contractor and acoustic consultancy costs associated with the assessment, design and technical delivery, including surveys, Statements of Need and installation costs. A detailed IA SIGS shall be prepared by daa and submitted for ANCA's written agreement prior to implementation. The detailed scheme shall establish a clear governance and administration framework for the IA SIGS, including responsibilities, decision-making arrangements, prioritisation, reporting, review mechanisms and coordination with existing and approved Dublin***

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Airport noise mitigation schemes. The framework shall support transparent, proportionate and efficient implementation of the scheme over its lifetime, having regard to deliverability, available resources and the avoidance of duplication with other mitigation measures.

AB.4. Part 2 Determining Eligibility under the Scheme

*2.2 **Biennially in August**, ~~By 31 March every year thereafter,~~ the Applicant shall prepare and publish a revised Eligibility Report, including:"*

AB.5. Measures Available under the Scheme

The owner of an Eligible Dwelling, subject to the procedure described in Part 4, shall be entitled to a selection of insulation measures to habitable rooms as specified as follows:

The insulation measures must be installed by an Approved Contractor and comprise of the following unless the equivalent measure already exists within the Eligible Dwelling:

- **a.** *Primary Acoustic Glazing*
- **b.** *Secondary Acoustic Glazing*
- **c.** *Glazing Roof Light*
- **d.** *Passive Ventilator*
- **e.** *Mechanical Ventilator*
- **f.** *Loft Insulation*
- **g.** *Ceiling Overboarding **(in circumstances where there is no access to the attic)**"*

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