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RE: Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

ANCA is the competent authority for the purposes of the implementation of EU Regulation 598/2014 (the Aircraft Noise Regulation) and the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 in respect of aircraft noise assessment associated with Dublin Airport. Our remit includes the application of the Balanced Approach of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) where a noise problem has been declared at the airport.

The Balanced Approach seeks to address aircraft noise problems at individual airports by achieving the maximum environmental benefit in the most cost-effective manner. The four principal elements of the ICAO Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management are:

- a) Reduction of noise at source;
- b) Land-use planning and management;
- c) Noise abatement operational procedures;
- d) Operating Restrictions

ANCA recommends that the current and projected effects of aircraft noise are adequately considered and addressed in this review of the Fingal Development Plan through the continued designation of appropriate and inappropriate permitted land use. Encroachment by noise sensitive development into areas incompatible with aviation activity should be prevented where possible.

ANCA supports the continuance of night-time noise considerations through the Dublin Airport Noise Zones to, "improve the noise environment around Union airports in order to maintain or increase the quality of life of neighbouring citizens and foster compatibility between aviation activities and residential areas, in particular where night flights are concerned", as provided for in Regulation (EU) No 598/2014.



Building standards are also an important aspect of the land-use planning and management pillar of the Balanced Approach. ANCA supports the policy of aircraft noise impact assessment at development application stage to ensure suitable building design at the earliest possible stage.

ANCA requests that consideration be given to any Noise Abatement Objective that may be in place for Dublin Airport during the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan.

If you have any queries or need further information in relation to this submission, please contact me directly. Correspondence in respect of this submission should be sent to: aircraftnoiseca@fingal.ie



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