Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Submission in the name of Councillor Darragh BUTLER 18 December 2022

I would ask the Chief Executive to amend / remove the impacts to passing Agenda Item 204 (passed 03 October 2022), Inadequate Noise Insulation Dublin Airport, FIN-C453-881: To Amend the section on Dublin Airport to insert the following: That the Development Plan recognises the inadequacy of the proposed noise insulation scheme to protect the health of those affected by aircraft noise and that in view of the increasing knowledge and scientific evidence of the serious health impact of aircraft noise on the physical health of Fingal residents that it is an objective to take measures including the expansion of noise insulation to ensure noise levels produced by aircraft during night time are reduced to below 35 (amended to 40) dB Lnight, as night-time aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse effects including increased mortality, stress, high blood pressure and a deterioration in cardiovascular health.

I do not believe it was adequately addressed during the debate, but I would have concerns that this motion has effectively sterilised any land from economic or housing development that would come under this designation.

I would also ask the Chief Executive to reverse the effects of motion 73 that amended Section 1: Written Statement, Chapter 3: Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes. Al081892 Section 1: Written Statement, Chapter 3: Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes. That on page 127 at Rural Cluster section 3.5 15.2 that the indented line commencing: "Persons currently living and who have lived continuously for the past ten years." This was amended by the deletion of the word ten and its substitution with the word five.

My belief is that that this is really unfair to long-time Fingal families and residents who previously would have had an advantage over others coming in and buying such scarcely zoned RC land ahead of them. Existing long-time Fingal residents will now have to complete more with non-Fingal residents for land within Rural Cluster zonings, which really should be for long-term Fingal families; increasing the demand, increasing the price and will lead to more requests for more Rural Cluster zonings. Rural Clusters should have the number of years in this section changed back to 10 years.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

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