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## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING:** Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

**LOCATION:** Air Traffic Control Centre, Dublin Airport

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**APOLOGIES:** Sandra Curtin, Royal Oak Residents Association  
Marie O'Brien, Portmarnock Community Association  
Cllr. Brian McDonagh, Fingal County Council  
Cllr. Anne Devitt, Fingal County Council  
Paul McCann, Irish Aviation Authority  
Paddy Fagan, Santry Residents Association  
Maura Cassidy, daa



**ATTENDEES:**

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Matthew McAleese	Fingal County Council	MMA
Finbar Quigley	Portmarnock Community Association	FQ
Helena Merriman	St. Margaret's Concerned Residents Group	HM
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MCD
Caroline Molloy	Santry Community Resource Centre	CMo
Andrew Smith	Offington Residents Association	AS
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Ciaran Moore	daa	CM
Siobhan O'Donnell	daa	SOD
Bernie McNally	daa	BMcN
Mary Kerins	daa	MK

No.	Item	Responsible
1.	Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes dated 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017; <b>GD</b> cited one amendment that appears under item four; LEV to be modified to CNG. Amendment to be incorporated by MC; Minutes approved by meeting pending incorporation of said amendment.	MC
2.	<p>SOD presented an update on behalf of daa; attendees raised a number of queries in relation to the information presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> queried if Dublin Airport is being used as a hub; SOD stated that Dublin is more of a gateway than a hub and that daa work closely to increase US flights as this builds resilience into business. About 40% of passengers on many transatlantic flights are connecting from another destination using Dublin Airport as a gateway, the flight may not exist otherwise and the flight depends on some ancillary services at the airport.</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> requested if a breakdown in the number of transit passengers could be provided in future; SOD yes this could be provided and stated that 1.2m passengers transferring this year. JH queried if this figure included both ways to which SOD replied yes.</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> queried if the fencing around the perimeter of North Runway was in its final position; daa to confirm.</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> queried how many nights of work have been lost on the overlay project due to weather and other factors; SOD stated that she would check this out and revert back</li> <li>• <b>GD</b> queried the location of electrical systems and how far advanced was this work; SOD stated that new LED lighting being fitted as the overlay project is being progressed</li> <li>• <b>GM</b> stated that he had a query regarding the high pitched tonal alarms while reversing and why they had been specified; MK stated that a review had been carried out and the alarms had been changed</li> </ul>	<p>SOD</p> <p>MK</p> <p>SOD</p>
3.	<p>CM presented a Noise and Flight Track Monitoring update on behalf of daa; attendees raised a number of queries in relation to the information presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> queried if there were any monthly variations and if the number of queries were higher in summertime. CM replied that the results were more or less constant now due to wind direction and other factors</li> <li>• <b>CMo</b> stated that there had been an increase in complaints since the overlay project started. Turnapin residents queried why a noise monitor had been fitted close to a building; MK replied that daa was guided by the consultants and there may have been factors out of their control and they had no choice but to fit the monitor there. CMo stated that the residents feel very despondent and they were meant to meet Minister Ross; SOD noted that daa have and will continue to meet with the residents of Turnapin and that she would arrange a meeting in order to review the results of the noise monitoring report</li> <li>• <b>MCD</b> requested info on data compiled from the NMT at the Holy Family School and when it would be released in EIS; SOD stated that it is not clear when the EIS will be made available.</li> </ul>	SOD
4.	<p>MK presented the Air Quality Report, attendees raised a number of queries in relation to the information presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AS</b> referred to the Jan NO2 and Feb particulate results, and if a weather inversion</li> </ul>	

	<p>had taken place; MK stated yes, that weather would influence the results and that one of the monitors was adjacent to construction compound during activity, that this result was an anomaly; that the overall message in terms of level of activity is that the results are well below limits; that daa is guided by health guidelines and that if numbers did exceed limits on a regular basis; daa would be concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GD</b> stated that local traffic will also influence the results significantly; and that in Heathrow ground traffic contributes more than aviation, and queried if the results when calculated for the year are close to 40; MK replied that an average was used and that she would revert back in order to explain the calculation of these results in further detail; that the monitors were not specifically measuring air quality solely associated with aeronautical activity; that the profile in January shows that the predominant effect is not aeronautical as there are lower readings in the summer</li> <li>• <b>GM</b> queried figure 5 page 13, analyser results suggestions there may be a mis-calibration towards end of June as a few similar readings; MK stated that she would query this and revert back</li> </ul>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>MK presented the Surface Water Quality Report; F4 had been added to the table, BOD and COD readings in June and July were very low again after the incident earlier in the year. The slightly elevated ammonia is likely to be due to agricultural run-off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> queried whether it would be useful to have the limits in order to compare the results to it; MK stated that a number of criteria are used to evaluate the results and that a visual inspection also took place, by definition, daa would like to keep the results as low as possible; MK will get back to the group with a scale for the comparison of the results</li> <li>• <b>GD</b> stated that the results are dependent on what the water is used for and pointed out that none of the local streams were used for drinking water; MK replied that the next version should be easier to take data from and see trends more clearly and that she will review what the EPA use.</li> <li>• <b>GM</b> queried how these figures could be improved; MK replied that there are a number of measures in place, including water which contains glycol, used for de-icing planes, is diverted directly to the sewer, policies and procedures in place re de-icing; that riffles and glides have been fitted on some streams in order to help aeration, but noted that these streams have a small amount of water flowing through; that there are large attenuation tanks in the airport for storm water, the sizes of which were stated; and that the water quality results are actively monitored as part of daa's sustainability strategy.</li> <li>• <b>FQ</b> referenced an EPA doc with values for surface water; MK stated she would review and revert back</li> <li>• <b>GM</b> referenced the Santry river that is used by locals for fishing and its importance for local wildlife; CMO stated that there are trout in this river, which is a positive vote for daa</li> </ul>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>MMA provided an update on 4 planning applications in the vicinity of the airport and noted that there had been an increase in applications for planning permission due to the upturn in the economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMo</b> queried the location for the Trimstar application; MMA stated that it was located close to the Carlton Hotel</li> </ul>	

7.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>GM</b> queried if there was any further update on the Statutory Instrument; SOD stated that this was out of daa's hands</li><li>• <b>GM</b> provided information on Metro North. ARUP is completing a phase 1 report in that will be published at the end of the year. NTA and TII have sought consultation for second phase which will involve upgrading the Green line to Metro standard. There will be a direct link from Swords to Sandyford, timescale, Swords Route and location TBC</li><li>• <b>HM</b> raised the issue of fly tipping in the area; MMC replied that he had met with daa yesterday and that they were working together</li><li>• <b>Chair</b> stated that the next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Nov; this date was agreed by all</li></ul>	
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