



Meeting Notes

MEETING: Joint Community Liaison Group and Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group
LOCATION: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
DATE: 27 February 2024, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O’Hare	CLG and DAEWG: Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	CLG and DAEWG: Secretariat	JD
Kenny Jacobs	Chief Executive Officer, daa	KJ
Andrea Carroll	Group Head of Environmental Sustainability, daa	AC
Mark Finegan	Head of Strategy and Operations Infrastructure, daa	MF
Ian Clarke	Head of Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure, daa	ICL
Angela Flynn	Community Engagement Manager, daa	AF
Xavier Oh	Aviation Strategy Noise Manager, daa	XO
Aine Kirrane	Group Environmental Manager, daa	AK
Grainne O’Reilly	CLG: Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Mary Grogan	CLG: St. Margaret’s and The Ward Residents Group	MG
Pearse Sutton	CLG: St. Margaret’s and The Ward Residents Group	PSN
Liam O’Gradaigh	CLG: St. Margaret’s GAA Club	LOG
Jim Scully	CLG: Irish Farmer’s Association	JS
Brendan O’Donoghue	CLG: Dunbro Lane Residents Group	BOD
Cllr Ian Carey	CLG: Fingal County Council	ICA
Gerry Sweeney	DAEWG: Forrest Great Community Group	GS
George Mongey	DAEWG: Swords Tidy Towns	GMY
Darren Pollard	DAEWG: AirNav Ireland	DP
Gwen Morgan	DAEWG: AirNav Ireland	GMN
Pat Suttle	DAEWG: Portmarnock Community Association	PSE
John Harris	DAEWG: St. Margaret’s the Ward Residents Group	JH
Patrick Fagan	DAEWG: Santry Residents Association	PF
Myles Caulfield	DAEWG: River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
Gerry Duggan	DAEWG: Malahide Community Forum	GD

In February 2024, Dublin Airport invited members of the Community Liaison Group (CLG) and the Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group (DAEWG) to a meeting with daa CEO Kenny Jacobs on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Introduction: Danny O'Hare, Chair of CLG and DAEWG

Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves and the group they are representing. Chair advised that members were given the opportunity to submit questions and agenda item topics to daa ahead of the meeting. Chair outlined the agreed agenda of the meeting, which consisted of three presentations followed by a question and answer session.

First Presentation: Kenny Jacobs, daa Chief Executive Officer

KJ opened the meeting outlining his role as CEO, his ambition for the airport and its mandate under national policy, which is to grow and facilitate connectivity for the Irish public. He also outlined the difficulties and challenges associated with balancing the needs of the local community and airport operations. KJ provided responses to submitted questions and addressed topics such as future airport sustainability measures, use of other Irish airports, airport public transport options and the role of daa's international businesses. KJ stated his commitment to continuing to work with the community in terms of the delivery of mitigation measures and to enhance overall engagement with communities.

Second Presentation: Andrea Carroll, daa Head of Sustainability

AC presented information in relation to PFAS, in response to questions submitted by a member regarding the issue. AC highlighted the significance of the issue given its prevalence across Europe and Ireland and showed a map of over 44,000 presumptive [PFAS sites across Europe](#). AC outlined the emerging focus on the issue and the associated health concerns. AC stated that daa's response to the issue includes engaging with relevant authorities including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Fingal County Council (FCC), in addition to undertaking a comprehensive monitoring and risk assessment programme. AC reiterated the airport's commitment to publishing the results of this monitoring work shortly.

Third Presentation: Members of St. Margaret's the Ward Residents Group

Members of the St. Margaret's the Ward group made a presentation with accompanying slides. LOG opened providing context on the local St. Margaret's community and the surrounding areas. LOG presented information and highlighted concerns with respect to North Runway operations and flight paths, ongoing enforcements, noise monitoring and mitigations, health impacts and the future development and sustainability of the airport. MG presented information and highlighted issues with the airport's updated noise complaints system. PS outlined the concerns of the local community in relation to the airport's infrastructure application and also the impact of airport activity on local area plans and the Fingal County Development plan.

Questions and Answers: All

Members raised questions on various matters which were responded to by daa. Topics raised and discussed included the possible installation of earth berms, night-time movements, PFAS communications, community engagement plans, road closures relating to the infrastructure application, views on regional balance for airports and transport options to the airport.

Closing Comments: Kenny Jacobs, daa CEO

KJ thanked members for attending and advised that he expected to attend this forum annually. KJ reassured members that daa will review the topics raised at this meeting and will continue to engage constructively in respect of local community concerns regarding communication, mitigation measures, sustainability and other supports.

Meeting Wrap Up: Danny O'Hare, Chair of CLG and DAEWG

Chair concluded the meeting by advising members to send any follow up questions to daa for comment following the meeting. Chair thanked members and presenters for their time during the meeting and thanked Kenny Jacobs for attending.

Outcome and Actions:

- daa to review noise mitigation measures such as earth berms.
- daa to provide PFAS monitoring report to groups when available.
- daa and members to work together to review the arrangements and agendas for CLG and DAEWG meetings.
- daa to review and respond to requests outlined in the St. Margarets the Ward Residents group presentation.