



Connecting Globally, Engaging Locally



Community Fund

For decades, Dublin Airport has been a supporter of community activities, promoting development in education, literacy, sports and the arts. **In June 2017 we were pleased to launch a new €10 million Community Fund** that will expand and continue this important work and offer additional support to many more local initiatives.

The new Dublin Airport Community Fund, which builds on our current activities, will invest €400,000 per year, every year over the next 25 years in local projects focussed on areas such as environment and sustainability, sports and recreation, education and literacy, social inclusion and community development, health and wellbeing, and culture and heritage.

The fund will support community-led projects in the immediate vicinity of Dublin Airport and communities which are located under a flight path. The design of the fund, both geographically and in terms of the type of activity that is being supported, was agreed following detailed feedback from the public consultation process for North Runway.

The Dublin Airport Community Fund will invite applications twice a year on February 1 and September 1. There are three types of grants available:

- **Minor Grants of less than €5,000**
- **Major Grants of more than €5,000**
- **Capital Grants for the purchase or construction of assets.**

The new Community Fund will also support up to 10 students from our community to attend Dublin City University via its Access Programme.

Further information is available at <https://www.dublinairport.com/about-us/-community-affairs/dublin-airport-community-fund>, and we are available to answer any queries you may have at communityfund@daa.ie.

Home Insulation Programmes



Dublin Airport has launched its new sound insulation programme which is designed to mitigate noise in homes located within

the 63dB LAeq 16-hour contour. This is the daytime threshold for noise mitigation measures used at other airports and is the standard that was approved by Fingal County Council (FCC), and verified by its independent consultants, for the North Runway insulation scheme. By using the same threshold on an airport-wide basis we are dealing with impacted communities in a fair and equitable manner.





Area of eligibility for insulation schemes at Dublin Airport

All costs associated with implementation of the insulation programme will be met by Dublin Airport. Dwellings which were insulated as part of an earlier 1990s insulation scheme associated with southern runway operations will be revisited under this new programme. Dublin Airport is not required to implement this new programme but is doing so to limit noise impact from our current operations.

Taking this programme and North Runway's insulation scheme together means that **over 200 local houses are now eligible for free insulation** – three times more properties than we are conditioned to insulate .

All eligible dwelling owners have already been contacted regarding to the two insulation programmes, but the project team is happy to address any questions via Freephone 1800-804422 or by email at insulation@daa.ie.

North Runway Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme



Following extensive engagement with eligible dwelling owners, their representatives, and Fingal County

Council and its advisors, several significant enhancements (as outlined below) were made to the draft Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme, and it received approval from FCC in December 2016. Eligibility for the Scheme is based on the predicted 69dB LAeq 16-hour contour. This is the daytime noise threshold for participation in the voluntary scheme.

- **More homes:** Though just five dwellings are located in this contour, daa has voluntarily extended participation in the Scheme to a further 33 residents, thus honouring earlier commitments and having regard to the contours used in the original planning application.

- **More generous premium:** Offers to purchase will include a 30% premium on the current market value. Property valuations will be based on current operations at Dublin Airway and accordingly valuations will not be affected by the new runway.
- **Free, independent valuation:** Eligible homeowners can have their property independently valued at daa's cost, and daa will also provide allowances in relation to conveyancing fees, tax advice, stamp duty and moving costs.
- **Continuous review and monitoring:** Noise and flight track monitoring results will be used to re-evaluate noise impacts and the application of mitigation measures every two years.
- **Favourable comparison with other airports:** This Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme compares very favourably to those at other airports, such as Heathrow and Gatwick in the UK.
- **Time to reflect:** The scheme will remain available for three years after North Runway is operational, and homeowners are also eligible to participate in the Voluntary Residential Noise Insulation Scheme should they decide not to avail of the purchase scheme.

North Runway Development

The first construction package for North Runway commenced in December 2016, and throughout the process we have been very conscious to mitigate any possible impacts on local communities, in particular our immediate neighbours. A comprehensive communications programme, including one-to-one meetings, public consultations, a dedicated project website, Freephone and project updates, was developed and implemented to keep communities informed about activities in a timely manner.

Local Employment

Dublin Airport is the biggest economic engine and employer in Fingal, supporting 19,200 direct jobs. **North Runway will facilitate the creation of over 31,000 new jobs by 2037, with 7,000 of these created by 2023.** The project will also create 1,200 construction jobs.

Dublin Airport is keen to promote employment opportunities for local residents in the runway development and other major projects at the airport. Groups bidding for the runway project will be required to consider local candidates when recruiting for roles. To assist with boosting opportunities for local employment, we are working with a local Fingal-based state employment service that is focussed on social inclusion initiatives such as assisting the long-term unemployed. This new initiative will be part of the North Runway's main construction package, and we are also examining the potential to extend it to works associated with the insulation schemes and other upcoming projects at Dublin Airport.



Roads

A comprehensive Traffic Management Plan was developed and agreed with Fingal County Council to **limit the impact of construction traffic on road users**. Dedicated construction routes are being followed to mitigate local community impact and delivery times are designed to avoid rush hour congestion. In addition, road cleaning and dust suppression equipment are deployed on a regular basis and advance notice is given to local communities regarding any roadworks. All construction vehicles working on the project must bear the North Runway logo, and the public can report any breaches of the Traffic Management Plan on Freephone 1800-804422.

Environment

A comprehensive Environmental Plan was developed for the runway project and **every effort is made to undertake works in the most environmentally-friendly manner**. Whilst removal of trees and hedgerows was necessary to make way for the new runway, this was undertaken during the appropriate time of year to protect nesting birds and other species. Materials generated from this site clearance were reused or recycled - the timber by-products were mulched and used in power generation and logs for firewood were donated to members of the local community. As part of our Environmental Plan we undertook extensive ecological surveys at the site including surveys for badgers, bats and other species. We relocated or provided suitable alternative locations for any animals found and this included new bat boxes on our lands.

To make up for the trees and hedgerows that had to be removed we are providing almost 20 acres of compensatory habitat at Thornton Hall, near Kilcoskan in north County Dublin. This land has already been purchased and we are working with specialists and with Fingal County Council to deliver the maximum benefit to the environment which will include the provision of new habitats for bats and other species. Separately, we are also funding a new all-weather pitch for the Ward River Valley park.

In addition, we are carrying out extensive archaeological investigations of the North Runway site and these are ongoing.



Communications

Dublin Airport operates an open-door policy and our Community Liaison Manager, Maura Cassidy, can be contacted at maura.cassidy@daa.ie, or 01- 8144130.

Our dedicated North Runway website provides up-to-date information, and more than 800 people have already subscribed to our regular Project Updates service. The team is available to answer any questions you may have regarding any of the topics set out in this document, or in relation to the wider project. They can be contacted via **Freephone:** 1800-804422

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