



An tÚdarás Inniúil um
Thorann Aerárthaí

Aircraft Noise
Competent Authority

Statement regarding actions taken towards achieving the noise abatement objective (NAO) for Dublin Airport

On an annual basis, ANCA has a remit to review the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures at Dublin Airport in achieving the NAO. On 27 July 2023, ANCA published its review of the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures at Dublin Airport for the year 2022 on achieving the noise abatement objective.

The review concluded that although the longer-term NAO required outcomes are lower than the 2019 baseline levels, one of the four NAO expected outcomes has not been achieved for the 2022 assessment year. The inventory of noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport as submitted to ANCA by daa did not incorporate all noise mitigation measures contained within planning consents and did not reflect runway operations as they have been since August 2022. On foot of the review, it was concluded that the noise mitigation measures identified by daa and provided to ANCA (Appendix A of the review report) have not been effective in achieving the fourth NAO outcome within localised noise bands.

ANCA was therefore obliged to take action, whether under Regulation (EU) 598/2014 or the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 (the Act of 2019), or both, that would be effective towards achieving the noise abatement objective. In that regard:

1. ANCA is supporting An Bord Pleanála in its consideration of the appeal of the relevant action application (PL06F.314485, F20A/0668), which may support compliance with the NAO in the medium and long term. In particular, ANCA has responded to An Bord Pleanála's request for submissions and observations by way of letter dated 13 December 2023.
2. ANCA will continue to deal with applications for permission for future development at the airport in accordance with the Planning and Development Act. In particular, ANCA is currently considering the infrastructure and passenger capacity application (F23A/0781) and has formed an opinion that the development contains a proposal requiring the assessment for the need for a noise-related action. Accordingly, the provisions of Section 9 of the Act of 2019 apply.
3. ANCA has sought further information from daa through the provisions of Section 9 of the Act of 2019 and may make a new regulatory decision if ANCA considers that the outcomes of the previously referenced processes are insufficient to secure compliance with the NAO.

ANCA also notes that the planning department of Fingal County Council has issued an enforcement notice to compel daa to comply with Condition 5 of the North Runway Permission

(F02A/1755 ABP PL06F.217429), which, if successful, may support compliance with the NAO in the short term. The High Court has stayed that enforcement notice pending the outcome of a judicial review that daa has instituted against Fingal County Council in relation to the enforcement notice. ANCA will take account of the outcome of those proceedings as it progresses the actions identified.

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