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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 34B(14) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (THE ACT OF 2000) (AS AMENDED) OF A REGULATORY DECISION AND RELATED REPORT MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 34B(13) RELATING TO AN AIRCRAFT NOISE ASSESSMENT AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

NOTICE OF AMENDING OF THE NOISE ABATEMENT OBJECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 9(2), AIRCRAFT NOISE (DUBLIN AIRPORT) REGULATION ACT 2019

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 16(1)(B) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN PLANS AND PROGRAMMES) REGULATIONS 2004 (SI NO. 435/2004) REGARDING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS IN RELATION TO THE REGULATORY DECISION AND AMENDED NOISE ABATEMENT OBJECTIVE

NOTICE OF SCREENING DETERMINATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT UNDER ARTICLE 42(7) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011 (THE REGULATIONS OF 2011) IN RELATION TO THE REGULATORY DECISION AND THE AMENDED NOISE ABATEMENT OBJECTIVE

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) has amended the noise abatement objective (NAO) for Dublin Airport. The NAO is a policy objective, the purpose of which is to: Limit and reduce the long-term adverse effects of aircraft noise on health and quality of life, particularly at night, through measures that mitigate impacts and provide certainty to the communities and the airport operator as part of the sustainable development of Dublin Airport.

In addition, ANCA has:

i. adopted a regulatory decision under Section 34B(13)(a) of the Act of 2000, and

ii. revised the related report under Section 34B(13)(b) of the Act of 2000.

The regulatory decision and related report contain an assessment of the aircraft noise implications arising from a planning application by the airport authority (F23A/0781) under Section 34B of the Act of 2000, for development at Dublin Airport.

ANCA undertook the following environmental assessments in relation to the implementation of the amended NAO and regulatory decision:

i. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) pursuant to Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment and the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (as amended) (the SEA Regulations), and

ii. Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening determinations pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

SEA Statements have been prepared and are available for inspection which summarise–

(i) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,

(ii) how:

  (I) the environmental reports were prepared pursuant to article 12,

  (II) submissions and observations were made to the competent authority in response to a notice under article 13, and

  (III) any consultations under article 14, have been taken into account during the preparation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,

(iii) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and

(iv) the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with article 17 of the SEA Regulations, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme.

AA Screening Determinations pursuant to Article 42(7) of the Regulations of 2011 have been prepared and are available for inspection. ANCA determined on 13 November 2026, that the NAO and the Regulatory Decision are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and concluded, on the basis of objective scientific information, that the Regulatory Decision individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not adversely affect the integrity of a European site. Consequently, stage two appropriate assessments are not required.

Hard copies of the amended NAO, its supporting report, the regulatory decision and its related report, along with the Strategic Environmental Assessment Final Environmental Reports, the SEA Statements and the AA Screening Determinations are available to view or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the ANCA office: County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin K67 X8Y2 from Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays) for 4 weeks from the date of this notice. They are also available to view or download from the ANCA website at https://www.fingal.ie/aircraftnoiseca/F23A0781.

The regulatory decision has been sent to the planning authority of Fingal County Council. The planning authority shall incorporate this regulatory decision into the planning authority's decision on the application. A right to appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála against the planning decision containing the regulatory decision exists under section 37 of the Act of 2000 as read with section 37R.

Ethna Felten, Director of Services,
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Date 16th November 2026.