

Annex E3: 2016 Consultation Venue Locations and Advertising Reach

Source

Extracted from daa 2016 Public Consultation Report on North Runway Flight Paths.

All Three Consultation Events Were in County Fingal

Venue	Date	Attendees
Grand Hotel, Malahide	24 October 2016	83
St Margaret's GAA Club	25 October 2016	117
River Valley Community Centre, Swords	26 October 2016	127
Total		327

Zero events were held in County Meath, despite the consultation covering flight paths directed 15-75 degrees north of the runway heading, which means they would cross from Fingal into Meath.

All Advertising Was Within County Fingal

Newspapers:

- North County Leader (Fingal)
- Fingal Independent (Fingal)
- Dublin Gazette (Fingal/North Dublin)
- Northside People (North Dublin)

No advertising in any Meath publication (Meath Chronicle, Meath Topic, etc.).

Leaflets:

- 33,000 leaflets distributed entirely within Fingal (Portmarnock, Malahide, Swords, St Margaret's, etc.)
- No leaflets distributed in any Meath area

Library posters:

- All 12 library poster locations were in Fingal
- No posters in any Meath library

Elected representatives notified:

- "All Fingal County Councillors, TDs and Senators"
- No specific notification to Meath County Councillors or Meath-constituency TDs

A TDs/Senators briefing was held on 27 October 2016 at Buswell's Hotel, Dublin (14 attended).

Aarhus Relevance

Article 6(2) of the Aarhus Convention requires that the public concerned be informed "in an adequate, timely and effective manner" about proposed activities with significant environmental effects. The geographic limitation of all consultation activities to County Fingal, when the proposed flight paths

(Scenario B: 15/75 degree divergence) would cross into County Meath, meant that the affected Meath communities received no notification whatsoever.

This is not a case where consultation was conducted but was merely insufficient. No consultation infrastructure of any kind was placed within reach of the Meath communities who are now the primary population affected by the implemented departure routes.