

Community Impact Statement: Dublin Airport North Runway

Template for Affected Residents

This template is provided by the North Runway Technical Group (NRTG) to help residents of East Meath and North Fingal document their experience of aircraft noise from Dublin Airport's North Runway. Completed statements will be submitted as annexes to formal complaints before the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, the European Commission, and the European Parliament Petitions Committee.

Complete as much or as little as you wish. Your statement may be shared with the bodies listed above. If you do not wish your name to be disclosed, indicate this at the end and your statement will be anonymised.

Your Details

Name: _____

Address (town/townland is sufficient): _____

County: ☐ Meath ☐ Fingal ☐ Other: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

Your Experience

1. When Did You First Notice Aircraft Noise from the North Runway?

(The North Runway opened in August 2022. Flight paths were revised in February 2023, shifting noise over East Meath.)

2. How Often Are You Affected?

☐ Daily

☐ Several times a week

☐ Weekly

☐ Occasionally

Approximately how many aircraft overflights do you notice per day? _____

At what times of day/night is the noise worst?

3. What Effects Has the Noise Had on You and Your Family?

Please describe any of the following that apply:

Sleep disruption: _____

Inability to use your garden: _____

Difficulty holding conversations or hearing the television: _____

Impact on children (homework, sleep, outdoor play): _____

Impact on your health or wellbeing: _____

Impact on your work (especially if working from home): _____

Anxiety or stress related to the noise: _____

Other effects: _____

4. Were You Consulted?

Were you aware of daa's 2016 public consultation on flight paths? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, did you participate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you informed by any authority (daa, Fingal County Council, Meath County Council, or any other body) that your home would be under the flight path? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. What Have You Done About It?

Have you made noise complaints to daa? ☐ Yes (approximately how many? _____) ☐ No

If yes, what response did you receive?

Have you contacted any of the following? (Tick all that apply)

☐ Fingal County Council

☐ Meath County Council

☐ Department of Transport

☐ Your local TD or councillor

☐ ANCA (Aircraft Noise Competent Authority)

☐ IAA (Irish Aviation Authority)

☐ AirNav Ireland

☐ The Ombudsman

☐ EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

☐ Other: _____

What was the outcome?

6. Your Home and Property

Has the noise affected the value of your property? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Have you considered moving because of the noise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you offered or provided with noise insulation by daa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, was it adequate?

7. Your View on What Should Happen

What outcome would you consider acceptable?

Context for Your Statement

You may find it helpful to know the following when completing your statement:

The 2007 planning permission for the North Runway was granted on the basis that aircraft would fly straight ahead to the west over agricultural land where development was restricted by airport noise and safety zones. Noise insulation was installed along this planned route. When the runway opened, aircraft instead turned sharply north, overflying residential communities that were never consulted or assessed.

Fingal County Council issued a Warning Letter in September 2022 identifying nine categories of non-compliance with the planning permission, including the flight paths. Of those nine categories, Fingal has issued enforcement notices on two: night flights (July 2023) and the passenger cap (June 2025). Both enforcement actions were blocked. daa obtained a High Court stay on the night flight notice. The Government's response to the passenger cap enforcement was to introduce the Dublin Airport (Passenger Capacity) Bill 2026, which would remove the cap permanently and prohibit any future cap. The flight path breach and the remaining five categories remain unenforced after more than three and a half years.

The Ombudsman has been investigating Fingal's failure to enforce since April 2025 and has found Fingal's responses unsatisfactory.

Consent

☐ I consent to my name being used in the submissions described above.

☐ I wish my statement to be anonymised (name removed but town/county retained).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed statements to:

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