

# community **update**

**ISSUE 1** 

# North Runway set for takeoff

Last year was the busiest year ever in the airport's history with a record 25 million passengers travelling in 2015. This milestone, together with strong growth in the first two months of 2016, means that a new runway is needed at Dublin Airport. The new runway, which will be known as North Runway, will be 3,110 metres long and will be located 1.6km north of the existing East-West runway.



North Runway will be one of the most important projects ever undertaken at Dublin Airport. It will help ensure the connectivity of our island nation and will play an important role in securing jobs in our local and national economy. The project will support approximately 1,200 jobs during development as well as generating significant employment opportunities in the local supply chain for construction materials.

Planning permission for a new runway was granted in 2007, having featured in successive County Development Plans since the 1970s. The design of the 3,110m runway remains unchanged from the planning permission granted in 2007. We are planning to start site preparation works at the end of 2016, with the North Runway being delivered in 2020.

Initially, our focus will be on discharging the pre-commencement conditions (more details of which are outlined overleaf), as well as progressing through the detailed design and tender phase.

In parallel, we will be working to address operational aspects of the permission which limit the ability of the North Runway to deliver capacity increases at times of maximum demand. Community Engagement will be key to the North Runway project

We are conscious of balancing the national needs in delivering an essential piece of infrastructure that our country depends on while minimising the impact on local communities. In this regard we will continue to work closely with our neighbours in relation to this project.

Through the Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum and its more recent format, the Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group, daa has ensured that local communities are fully engaged in our operations.

As part of the North Runway project and in line with our planning permission, daa is committed to active engagement with Fingal County Council and with local community groups and residents to develop solutions to any local concerns. This will continue with the roll out of pre-commencement conditions and mitigation measures set out in North Runway's planning permission.

daa is fully committed to ensuring that we communicate with all stakeholder groups throughout the process. Further details of our engagement with residents and groups will be outlined in the coming weeks.



# **Community focussed measures**

When planning permission was granted for North Runway, daa committed to undertaking a number of works and putting in place processes which would support the development of the project and would deliver the best outcome for all stakeholders. The following is a summary of the pre-commencement measures which daa will be undertaking before work begins on the runway itself.

#### **Aircraft Noise:**

We understand that noise is very subjective and very personal to each individual. The level of aircraft noise is dependent on the type of aircraft and number of flights. While flight movements have recovered strongly since the recession, new aircraft technology has resulted in substantial reductions in aircraft noise.

daa remains committed to implementing noise mitigation measures and to compliance with the planning pre-conditions. These measures will include detailed insulation proposals which we are currently progressing. We will share these details with impacted households as part of agreeing a formal implementation programme with Fingal County Council. We will subsequently establish a process for implementing the agreed standards.

Access to information is important to our local communities. daa has shared data from our Noise & Flight Tracking Monitoring System with local and national stakeholders through the independently chaired Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group (DAEWG). We will, subject to local engagement and planning permission, seek to further enhance this by locating a new monitoring terminal in Portmarnock.

	A home 'sound' insulation scheme	Schools Insulation Scheme
Who?	This measure relates to homeowners specified by An Bord Pleanála as falling within a key noise threshold. All impacted homes will be contacted directly by daa in due course.	St. Margaret's N.S. (already completed). Mary Queen of Ireland N.S., Rivermeade. St. Nicholas of Myra N.S., Kinsealy Portmarnock Community School
What?	Double or secondary glazing for all windows and external doors. Attic insulation comprising layers of insulation. Acoustic solutions for vents and chimneys.	High acoustic performance replacement double glazing including secondary glazing where required. Acoustic ventilation units. Loft insulation in roof spaces as required. Ceiling upgrades as required.
When?	Insulation to take place in advance of the opening of the new runway.	All schools would be insulated in advance of the opening of any new runway.



#### Voluntary House Buyout Scheme

A voluntary house buyout scheme is available to residents whose houses are most impacted by noise. daa has previously corresponded with the eligible homes and further engagement is planned. The scheme will be available for at least one year after the opening date of the new runway, allowing residents to make an informed decision.

#### **Community Fund**

Over the last ten years, daa has invested over €2.6m in community and voluntary projects in the north Dublin area and this will continue. In addition, as part of the North Runway project, we are committed to establishing an independently administered fund for communities specified by An Bord Pleanála. daa proposes to extend this Community Fund to include a broader catchment area. More details on this fund will be available in the coming months.

#### **Drainage and Roads**

The new runway will have a dedicated drainage network designed to ensure that the quantity and quality of surface water is controlled to meet stringent standards.

Small changes will be made to the existing road network system. Road changes planned include the realignment of the Forrest Road, within existing airport lands, and the closure of the Huntstown to Forrest Little Road (previously the R108 which now runs via the St. Margarets Bypass) immediately north of Huntstown.

#### Environment

The only habitat materially impacted by the construction of a new runway is already contained within Dublin Airport lands and this will be replaced at a location agreed with Fingal County Council (FCC). At a minimum it will consist of three hectares of landscape and



eight hectares for ecological compensation which is a total of 11 hectares. In conjunction with FCC, we will aim to locate it as close as possible to the existing site (whilst ensuring no increased bird or mammal risks).

#### Disruption

We are committed to ensuring our local communities are not unduly impacted during the construction period. In this regard all noise levels will be monitored at sensitive locations off-site during construction. A traffic management plan will be agreed with Fingal County Council and will be communicated in the local community.

## daa – Making a difference in our community

Beyond the economic contribution Dublin Airport makes to the local economy, daa plays an active role in supporting our neighbouring communities.

Over the last ten years, daa has invested over €2.6m in community and voluntary projects in the north Dublin area. We are proud of our close associations with St Margaret's GAA Club, Naomh Mearnog GAA Club, St Sylvester's GAA Club and many others. Dublin Airport also works closely with many schools in the Fingal area.

daa has also enjoyed a 30 year relationship with the Malahide Young Musician and 23 years with the Swords Young Musician of the Year Competitions. Both these competitions are aimed at encouraging young people to achieve their full potential and to enjoy making music.

Other local initiatives supported by daa include The Fingal Reading Initiative, Junior Achievement Ireland and Skills@ Work with Business in the Community.

Dublin Airport has a Charity of the Year Programme whereby three Irish charities benefit from funds raised by staff. Dublin Airport staff have raised over €1.75m for 13 Irish charities since the programme started in 2007.

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### **Dublin Airport update**

**Passenger numbers grew by 15% at Dublin Airport in 2015,** making it the busiest year in the airport's history, as over 25 million passengers travelled through the airport. Strong passenger growth has also been reflected in employment, with 37,300 jobs supported by the activities at Dublin Airport.

Dublin Airport now has direct flights to over 180 destinations in 40 countries on four continents. Passenger numbers are expected to grow further at Dublin Airport this year with the addition of 13 new routes and services as well as two new long-haul charter destinations.

Six new airlines joined the Dublin Airport family in 2015 – Ethiopian Airlines, ASL Airlines France, Finnair, Transavia, Vueling and WOW Air. Many of our existing operators expanded their schedules.

While growth has brought good news for the Irish economy and for tourism, there is now a need to build for the future. Passenger



growth has reached a level where runway infrastructure is at capacity at peak times. **A** new runway will minimise delays and ensure we maintain our position as first in Europe for passenger satisfaction.

The North Runway can help unlock the growth potential of the airport. It will result

in a **31% gain in connectivity by 2034 and a gain of 31,200 jobs and 2.2bn in GDP by 2043.** New destinations will bring new trade, new tourism and new opportunity for Dublin and Ireland. That is the ultimate goal of the North Runway project.

#### daa - here to help

daa are committed to engaging with local communities and providing information on Dublin Airport to our various stakeholders. The Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum and more recently Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group are important forums for engagement and sharing of information.

As part of the North Runway project, we will undertake a number of additional initiatives to promote engagement;

• Creation of a dedicated stakeholder group for our nearest neighbours in St. Margaret's

 Continue to operate our Community Liaison team, available to meet with other communities and on a one-to-one basis with the stakeholders

• Operate a helpline number that is dedicated to responding to queries about the North Runway (Freefone: 1800 804 422) • Maintain a website [www.northrunway.ie] that provides relevant updates on progress being made on the project

• Publish a North Runway newsletter that provides project updates

 Provide a clear and timely response to relevant issues raised in correspondence or by email to northrunway@daa.ie

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