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**RE: Commission paper CN5/2021 03 September 2021, Draft Decision on Summer 2022
Coordination Parameters and Local Rule A**

Dear Adrian,

I refer to the above consultation.

Aer Lingus welcomes CAR's draft decision to support the unanimous view of the Dublin Airport Coordination Committee and roll forward the current Summer 2021 capacity levels into the Summer 2022 season.

The latest information made available to the Coordination Committee at its Annual General Meeting on 24 August 2021 signalled that the North Runway is not expected to be completed until late August 2022. Aer Lingus therefore considers the Commission's interpretation of Planning Permission Condition 5 as set out in its correspondence to the Coordination Committee on 09 August 2021 to be, entirely reasonable, and that it would be inappropriate to alter the coordination parameters for the Summer 2022 season.

In addition, the continued uncertainty surrounding the aviation market as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the speed of recovery as well as no new infrastructure being delivered in advance of the season further supports this sensible approach in what continues to be a challenging time for all stakeholders.

Aer Lingus will continue to assess all options to avoid or mitigate the potential impact of Condition 5 on capacity at Dublin Airport and the above is entirely without prejudice to any legal remedies which Aer Lingus may have in this regard.

Aer Lingus also supports the draft decision to retain Local Rule A into the Winter 2021 and Summer 2022 seasons.

Yours sincerely,



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