

Statutory Obligations.

Having read through the Commission Paper I fail to see how this Determination has complied with Statutory obligation 12.4 'to protect the reasonable interests of current and prospective users of Dublin Airport in relation to Dublin Airport.'

This failure is due to the omission of Social costs of Airport expansion into airport charges.

The costs to users in airport communities is well documented ,the deprivation of sleep (due to no night curfew at Dublin Airport) The constant noise, air pollution from aircraft and ever increasing car parks ,traffic congestion and flooding. A health Impact assessment has not been carried out despite repeated requests from Airport communities.

Future users will suffer from increased Global warming.

Yet no price for Carbon is included in the charge.

Passenger trigger for a new runway

The trigger at 23.5 million is set much too low. Gatwick with one Runway can accommodate 30 million passengers.Stansted was told not to consider commencing a second runway until passenger numbers reached 25 million.

SH and E report 2001 stated current runway system can accommodate 55 movements per hour. In the EIS submitted on behalf of the DAA with application for the new Runway it was stated that current system would be constrained at 28.4 million passengers. There is no prospect of Dublin Airport reaching this figure before 2014.

The future of low-cost air travel seems unsure as even the Budget airlines increase service charges for users. ETS (Emission trading scheme) in 2012 and other carbon charges will be applied to the Airline industry, This will curb expansion of Budget airlines. This has been manifest recently by the reaction to the €10 airport charge.

Charges for services for passengers with reduced mobility (PRM)

This should be reflected in the charge as it is stated elsewhere on your website that Airlines do not pay their required contributions,

Land allocated to 'Airport city' must form part of the Regulator's remit as this is Public Land held by Dublin Airport on behalf of users.

Finally I tried to see if the Determination was available 'As Gaeilge 'on your website as I would prefer to respond as Gaeilge,Unfortunately I was unable to .

Le gach deá mhéin

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