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Mr Kieran Baker  
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Dear Kieran,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the capacity assessment of Dublin Airport carried out by Jacobs Consulting. Aer Lingus broadly supports the consultants' conclusions with regard to the three key elements of the Dublin airport system and welcomes suggestions for the provision of limited incremental capacity in the medium term.

It is our view that current real demand for peak runway capacity exceeds supply. Aer Lingus remains convinced that in this environment, absent coordination, serious negative consequences for passenger service levels and operational integrity are likely to result from ever increasing levels of non-cooperation with a voluntary process.

While we support the recommendation that Dublin Airport be designated as coordinated due to insufficient airport runway and capacity during peak times, it is imperative in our view that coordination be implemented with effect from Summer 2007. Furthermore, we would welcome the statutory implementation of a sanctions regime to enforce compliance.

Yours Truly,



Stephen Kavanagh

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