

**IRISH AVIATION AUTHORITY (IAA) DRAFT DECISION ON WINTER 2024 SLOT COORDINATION  
PARAMETERS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT.**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I refer to the most recent Central Statistics Office (CSO) findings for passenger numbers transiting Dublin Airport (DA) for the year 2023. Those figures state that 33.26 million passengers transited DA, thereby exceeding the planning permission cap of 32 million passengers.

The CSO's figures are calculated in accordance with the International Convention on the counting of passengers transiting DA. It is this International Convention that is acknowledged and used by both Fingal County Council (FCC) and An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in their deliberations.

Unlike the CSO and FCC, the IAA adopted the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) passenger transit data as one of its sources when preparing its 'Draft Winter 2024 Slot Coordination Report'.

The DAA used in-house generated criteria to formulate its passenger transit statistics and this DAA modified data does not comply with the accepted International Convention and is at odds with that recognised, validated and used by FCC and the CSO.

Having been modified by the DAA to suit the end needs of the DAA, the data is no longer a verifiable and reliable source for statistical use and is rendered inaccurate, unreliable and wholly invalid.

By extension, the IAA by adopting this inaccurate, unreliable and wholly invalid DAA data runs the risk of inadvertently corrupting its own IAA 'Draft Winter 2024 Slot Coordination Report'. In adopting the DAA data, the IAA is unwittingly entering into a partnership and thereby abetting the DAA in the DAA's goal to skew the process.

The Grant of Planning Permission recognised the justness for the inclusion of a cap of 32 million passenger movements per annum for operations at DA. The cap recognised the impact such activity has upon the local population and the environment. One of those factors is the excessive noise pollution imposed on those living in the vicinity of the airport.

My home is within the curtilage of the most recent Noise Contour Map which was presented by the DAA to ABP. Its impact on our living conditions and damage to our physical and mental health is immense, intolerable, ever present and ongoing.

It is incumbent upon the IAA, prior to finalising on the 'Winter 2024 Slot Coordination Parameters' to ensure such physical health factors and verifiable data are included in the process when preparing its 'Winter 2024 Slot Coordination Parameters'.

Inclusion and use of nefarious sources of data such as that generated and presented by the DAA, does nothing other than warp and invalidate any draft or subsequent final report presented by the IAA. The DAA data should be seen for what it is, a corrupted information source and should be instantly discounted as a source for any current or future consideration.

In conclusion, I request that this draft report be withdrawn forthwith and that a new report be commissioned using verifiable, accurate data which is readily available through the Government CSO.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G.P. O'Sullivan." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Gerard O'Sullivan.