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**Re: Commission Paper CN8/2020 10 July 2020, Draft Decision on Local Rule A at Dublin Airport**

Dear Cathy,

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Dublin Airport Coordination Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, noted that the full impact and the duration on the aviation industry from the Covid-19 global pandemic is still unknown. The impact to date has been profound and far reaching. Rapidly changing guidelines for minimising the health risk from the disease means that it is prudent to put in place a local rule. This will allow the stakeholders at Dublin Airport to rapidly, and with good information, implement a temporary reduction in terminal capacity, following a pre-defined process including analysis, assessment and consultation.

It is the intention that airlines and Dublin Airport to work collaboratively. Aer Lingus believes that both the airlines and Dublin Airport have a common objective to maximise and optimise the potential throughput of passengers through the terminals.

Aer Lingus noted from the presentation that Dublin Airport gave at the EGM that the majority of modelled reductions required from the original capacity are greater than 50%, with some in excess of 70%. It is important that Dublin Airport demonstrate that it has examined all available solutions and exploited all available infrastructures that prioritises passenger processing capability prior to requesting activation of Local Rule A. In particular additional areas for overflow queuing are thoroughly explored. Airlines should be encouraged to streamline process, reduce touchpoints and promote online interactions for passengers.

Aer Lingus supports the draft decision to adopt Local Rule A at Dublin Airport.

Yours sincerely,



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