



Update

8th April 2020



Introduction

We hope all members of the CLG and our local communities stay safe and well during the current Covid-19 situation.

In compliance with Government guidelines, it has been necessary to cancel the CLG which was planned for 31st March 2020, and to suspend any further meetings until such time as the restrictions are lifted.

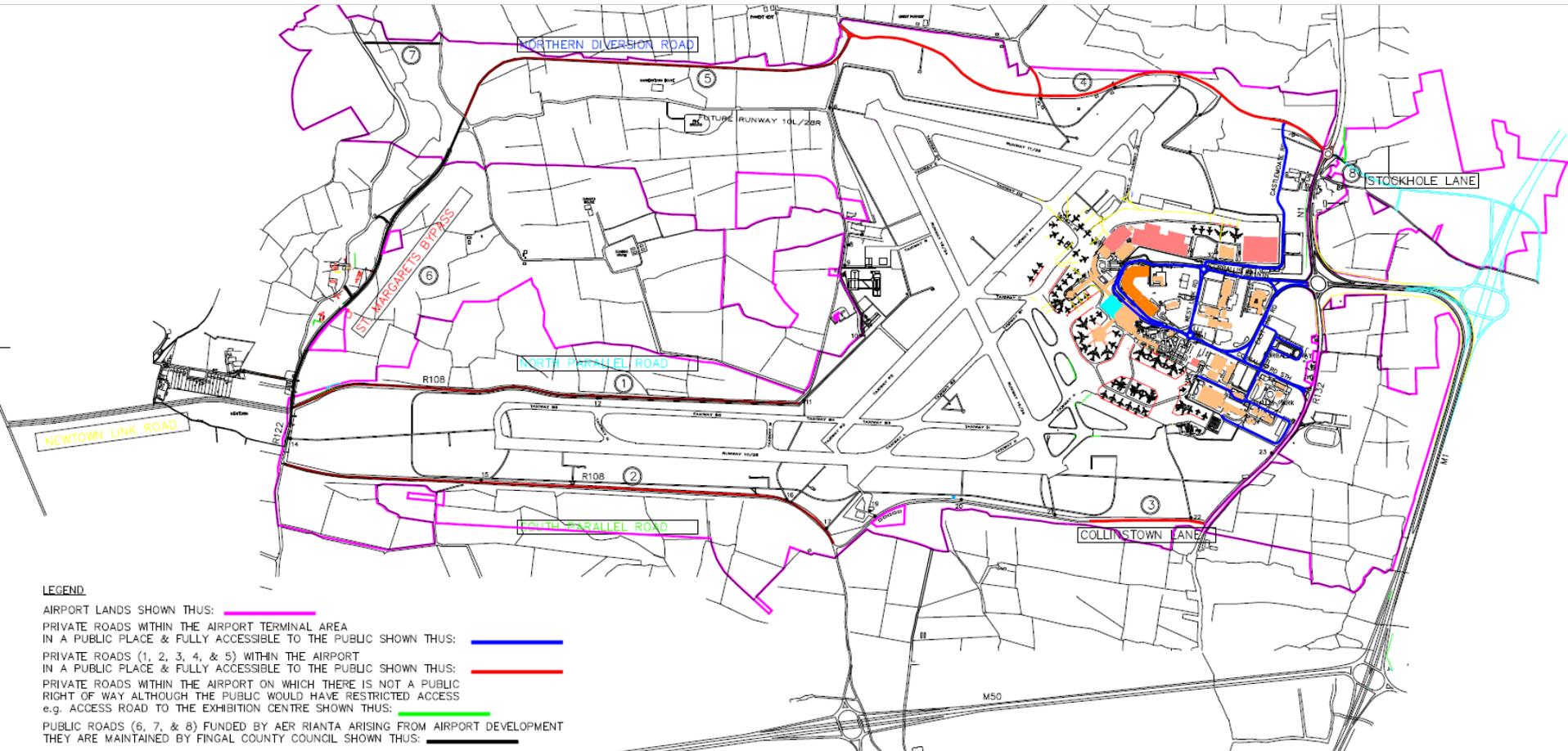
In the interim, we want to continue to provide you with information, and the following presentations from Dublin Airport and Fingal County Council address actions from the last CLG meeting and give updates to the end of March 2020.

We continue to be available to address any questions you may have, and you may contact the CLG Secretariat on 01-9442467 or alison.pigott@daa.ie.

daa Actions from Previous Meetings

No	Action	daa Response
1.	daa to advise CLG members if there has been any change to the approach regarding properties acquired under North Runway's Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme.	daa confirms the approach regarding acquired properties remains unchanged. The situation will be kept under review and we will advise the CLG if there is any change to this position.
2.	Provide CLG members with a map of local roads under daa/FCC charge.	Please see map overleaf.
3.	Update regarding additional air quality monitors.	daa will make an air quality monitor available on a temporary basis. CLG is requested to nominate a location in the Bay Lane area for this purpose.

Roads at and in the vicinity of Dublin Airport



Dublin Airport Update

- Whilst passenger numbers had increased at Dublin Airport during the first two months of the year, traffic has plummeted since the Covid-19 outbreak and we have had no choice but to scale back passenger operations at Dublin and Cork airports.
- Dublin Airport normally handles about 650-700 aircraft movements and between 85,000-100,000 passengers daily. Of the 47 airlines which normally operate at Dublin Airport, only seven continue to do so, with about 80 flights per day, 50% of which are cargo handling emergency supplies in and of Ireland, and about 1,000 passengers daily, many of whom are Irish citizens returning home on emergency flights.
- The Irish Government has said that it has no plans to close Irish airports.
- daa has a national responsibility to keep Dublin Airport open for Ireland's supply chain and to help ensure that essential flight operations for cargo and repatriation flights can continue.
- Due to the travel restrictions, the Independent Panel for the Community Fund has not been able to meet to assess the latest applications to the fund, but will resume its deliberations as soon as possible.



North Runway Update

- On 20th March, An Bord Pleanála upheld Fingal County Council’s planning permission to amend North Runway’s layout which will now be delivered in accordance with this approval. An Bord Pleanála’s decision can be viewed [here](#).
- Work continues in relation to daa’s forthcoming application to the Competent Authority to amend two planning conditions associated with North Runway.
- Due to the current Covid-19 crisis, construction work on the North Runway project has temporarily ceased, apart from essential works.
- Up to the end of March, pavement quality (PQ) concrete to all approved areas to the west has been completed with the exception of paved shoulders. PQ works have commenced in the east where progress is good. Works to attenuation tanks to control the flow of surface water and manage any polluted water are well advanced.
- This year’s land management measures have commenced, and weed spraying of daa lands adjacent North Runway is underway.



Fingal County Council Update

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- I would like to extend my best wishes to the Chair, Members, and colleagues in the daa and hope that everyone's family and friends are keeping well during these extraordinary times.
- Fingal County Council is seeking to ensure that every effort is being made to make certain that the planning system continues to operate effectively as possible, in the context of the most up-to-date public health advice during this COVID-19 Emergency. This is particularly important so that work continues and that the systems are ready to reactivate and support social and economic activity when the period defined in the order has passed.
- The announcements by An Taoiseach on 27 March, introducing cocooning of a sizeable sector of our population and considerable restrictions on the population at large, as part of escalating measures to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, has required consideration of the impacts of these measures on the full range of planning services.



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- The Minister has commenced Section 9 of the recently enacted Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid 19) Act 2020. This section inserts a new provision (Section 251A) into the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Subsequently the Government made an order under Section 251A(4), to the effect that the period from 29th March 2020 to the 20 April 2020, inclusive, may be disregarded when calculating any appropriate period, specified period, or other timelines in the following Acts, or provisions, or in any regulations made under those acts or provisions:-
 - The Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
 - The Derelicts Sites Act, 1990;
 - Part 2 of the Urban Regenerations and Housing Act, 2015 (which relates to the vacant site levy);
 - Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act, 2016 (which relates the Strategic Housing Developments)



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- The Minister has commenced Section 9 of the recently enacted Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid 19) Act 2020. This It is important to stress that the effect of the activation of this provision does not freeze the planning system, rather it extends the timelines within which decisions can be made. Otherwise, the work of the Fingal Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department will continue, of course subject to adherence to public health advice.
- We are temporarily changing the way we operate our public counter service and accept planning applications as the Offices of Fingal County Council are currently closed to the public. We will continue to accept and validate applications by post to: Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2
- In addition, it is possible to deliver planning applications to a dedicated “drop-box” which will be outside the rear of County Hall, off Chapel Lane, in Swords. The drop-box will be available each Thursday and Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 1.00pm
- If any of the CLG Members have any planning queries they can email the Planning Department at planning@fingal.ie or telephone 01 890 5541.

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