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George Best Belfast City Airport has submitted proposals to amend its Planning Agreement which would permit a **massive increase in current noise levels**. The Environment Minister is currently holding a public consultation on the proposals – please **ACT NOW** and **REGISTER YOUR OBJECTION**

The airport is proposing a new noise allowance for itself which would permit:

- Noise levels far higher than when Ryanair operated previously from the airport with as many as:
  - **46,000 people in east and south Belfast, and in north Down** affected by serious levels of aircraft noise
  - **26,000 people in east and south Belfast, and in north Down** affected at a level deemed serious by the UK government
  - **9 primary and nursery schools in east and south Belfast** affected at a noise level deemed serious by the government
  - **21 nursery, primary and secondary schools in east and south Belfast, and in Holywood** affected at a noise level deemed serious by the World Health Organisation
- **Belfast City Airport becoming one of the noisiest airports in the UK<sup>1</sup>**

These figures aren't our estimates – the estimates of numbers of people affected at certain levels of noise are included in the airport's own submission to the Department of the Environment. The schools which would be affected are all listed in

the airport's own proposals which are available at: <http://apps2.planningni.gov.uk/PlanningBCA/> (See Annex B in the proposals for details on the noise impact).

Belfast City Airport Watch is an umbrella organisation of community groups and residents' associations. Many of us use the City Airport and appreciate the economic benefits of airports. But we believe **there has to be the right balance between the commercial interests of the airport, and the health and quality of life of local residents**.

As greater Belfast is already served by one international airport just 30 minutes' drive from the city, we don't see the need for Belfast City Airport to expand its operations to the detriment of local residents' health and quality of life.

If you share our concerns, please use the opportunity given to you by the Environment Minister to make your views known. Please **ACT NOW**, sign the attached letter and **REGISTER YOUR OBJECTION** before the consultation deadline of **8th June, 2012**. Alternatively, you can register your objection at: [apps2.planningni.gov.uk/PlanningBCA/Terms.aspx](http://apps2.planningni.gov.uk/PlanningBCA/Terms.aspx) (It is important, in any comments you submit, to make it clear that you object to these proposals as they stand if you are unhappy about them).

<sup>1</sup> By this we mean that, in terms of the number of people affected, Belfast City Airport will have one of the greatest noise impacts of any UK airport.

**DATE:**

**Strategic Planning Division (Headquarters)**

Millennium House  
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Belfast  
BT2 7BN

**MY ADDRESS (must be included)**

**MY E-MAIL**

**MY TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**MY MOBILE NUMBER**

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

I wish to object to the proposals submitted by George Best Belfast City Airport to modify its Planning Agreement. I am especially concerned at the information on noise impact contained in Annex B, Sections 6 and 7, Tables 4, 5 and 6, and at Annex B, Appendix C, Tables C2, C3 and C4 of the proposals, which outlines the large number of people, dwellings and schools which would be affected by these proposals.

I believe that there should be the right balance between the commercial interests of the airport, and the health and quality of life of local residents. I do not believe that the proposals submitted by the airport would provide for such a balance.

Yours faithfully,

**NAME (printed)**

**SIGNATURE**

PLEASE ADD BELOW ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU WISH TO MAKE: