



APPEAL TO BORD PLEANALA

Dorrins Cummeen Conservation Group are very much in favour of progress and infrastructural improvement for Sligo and the North West.

We also believe, however, that development has to be balanced, sustainable and take into account the needs and rights of local residents and business while respecting our heritage, wild life and very special environment. It is for these reasons that the group is lodging an appeal against the decision of Sligo County Council to grant planning permission to the Sligo North West Airport Company Limited.

We need people to volunteer time, energy and/or make a donation to help raise the

needed funds. You can do so by either contacting the group or lodging funds to the account detailed below. Donations may also be made via paypal at www.dorrins.com.

Any contributions will be receipted where contact details are provided and should funds not be required, reimbursements will be made proportionately.

Dorrins and Cummeen Conservation Group
Bank of Ireland, Stephen Street, Sligo
Account Number: 82286697
Sort Code: 90-54-40

Alternatively, you may wish to raise funds with ideas of your own, in which case we would be delighted to hear from you.

Make your voice heard.

**Help us to protect the environment
for future generations**

To support this appeal or to find out more please contact 086 8277018

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CRISIS AT DORRIN'S STRAND?

**Airport granted planning permission to extend runway
onto environmentally sensitive area**

BIGGER PLANES = GREATER BUSINESS?

Wrong: This extension will not bring bigger planes, but will only be allowed to carry the planes that currently use the facility. Bigger planes will require further development, which will never be viable at this site.

SAFE OPERATION

Sligo Airport currently operates in complete safety under restricted load of approximately 90% capacity (64 instead of 70 passengers). Records show that load rarely exceeds 45% (30 passengers). Current capacity is underused.

AIRPORT CLOSURE

Sligo Airport is not at risk of closure. The regulations of the Irish Aviation Authority are cited as requirement for this extension. There are several sustainable alternatives

that will provide for this with less environmental impact and possibly with less financial cost than that proposed. Alternatives have been ignored.

ALTERNATIVES

Legal obligation. The planned extension will destroy a Special Area of Conservation. This is only legally allowed for in very exceptional circumstances whereby:

- There is an overwhelming public need, which would be constituted as:
 - a. Essential infrastructure that could not be supplied in any other way, and,
 - b. Major economic benefit that could not be generated in any other way.
- All alternatives have been exhausted.

**Sligo Northwest Airport Company Limited
and Planning Authority have failed
to address these issues**