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## Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in the hope that in your development plan you will include an action plan to reduce ambient noise. I wish to make a complaint about the increasing noise pollution of the Weston airport planes. The fact they haven't updated their noise restrictions since 1999 to take into account the increased traffic volume is telling. It has worsened since Covid—planes lowflyng frequently over our houses in Riverdale Estate Leixlip, and very early morning jets breaking our sleep and forcing us out of our beds. Riverdale is often in their direct flight path and their flight school planes are certainly lowflying and circling over our houses with no regard for the people below them. People are more housebound since Covid and one wonders how these leisure planes particularly are allowed such *carte blanche*. At times, especially on sunny days, it is like a blitz forcing people indoors, instead of being able to enjoy their gardens and fresh air as is recommended during this pandemic. Those who are elderly, incapacitated or ill have no choice but to lie there and bear it. Surely we are entitled to some protection from the anti-noise regulation acts. Neighbours are also talking about how the constant aggressive noise of these planes is affecting their mental health. There is no longer peace in our environment. Freedom from the bombardment of recurring excessive man-made noise surely is a fundamental right for a citizen in a democracy.

Yours sincerely,

James Lawless

On behalf of Concerned Citizens of Riverdale.

[Redacted, Personal Information]

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**Documents Attached:** Níl