

## Appendix B – email correspondence from Casement Aerodrome

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### Re: PLANNING REGISTRATION NO: SD21A/0241

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the above planning application by Vantage Data Centers Dub 11 Ltd. for the demolition of the abandoned single storey dwelling and associated outbuilding (206sqm); construction of 2 two storey data centers with plant at roof level. The western side of the data center with associated flues that will be 22.3m in height, 10 gas generators with associated flues that will be 25m in height. Located: In the townlands of Ballybane & Kilbride within Profile Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

Following consultations between the Irish Air Corps and Marston Planning Consultancy to address aviation concerns at Casement Aerodrome, the Department of Defence would like to make the following observations on the most recent Aviation Impact Assessment:

1. The Department of Defence is aware of the increase in height of flues from to the original 25m to the new overall height of 30m. This additional height will not affect Irish Air Corps operations in the area.
2. Operation of cranes during construction should be coordinated with Military Air Traffic Services, no later than 28 days before use, contactable at [airspaceandobservables@defenceforces.ie](mailto:airspaceandobservables@defenceforces.ie) or 01-4037681.
3. A bird hazard management plan for the construction phase should be established and communicated to the Irish Air Corps Bird Control Unit (BCU), in order to reduce the presence of any hazardous birds that may arrive during the construction phase of the development. BCU are contactable at [bcu@birdcontrol.ie](mailto:bcu@birdcontrol.ie).
4. A long-term bird hazard management plan that aims to disturb and prevent possible hazardous waterfowl nesting or rooftop gull nesting at the site should be established and communicated to the Irish Air Corps Bird Control Unit.
5. The selection of trees and shrubs should avoid plants that produce fruit and seed desired by wildlife. Avoid the creation of are areas of dense cover for roosting by flocking species of birds.

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6. Should negative effects of bird activity on Irish Air Corps operations arise during the construction or operation phase, the site owner must put measures in place to mitigate these effects to a level acceptable to the Irish Air Corps.

Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

*Sent via e-mail*

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