

**AERONAUTICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**RE  
PROPOSED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT  
AT  
BELGARD ROAD, BELGARD SQUARE EAST  
AND BLESSINGTON ROAD,  
TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24**

FOR  
STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING APPLICATION

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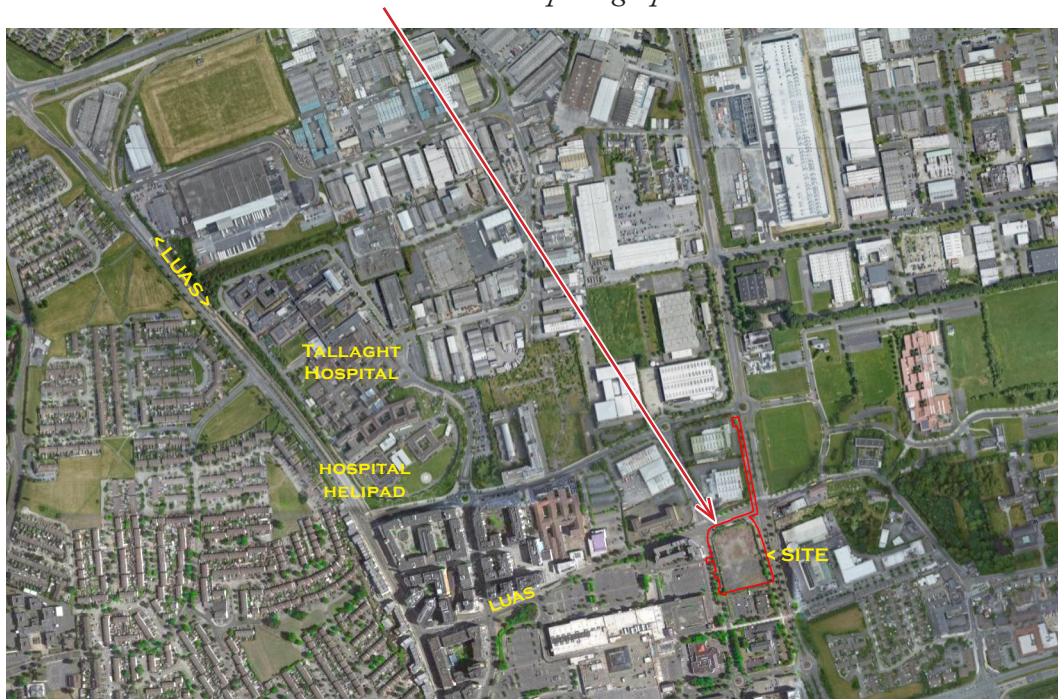
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## 1. Scope of Report, Location of the Site, & Development Plan Aspects

### 1.1 Site Location

This report addresses the aviation impact of a proposed mixed-use development on a site of 1.25 hectares approx. in South County Dublin, located beside Belgard Square East, Belgard Road (R113), and Blessington Road, in Tallaght, Dublin 24.

*The site is shown outlined in red in the aerial photograph below.*



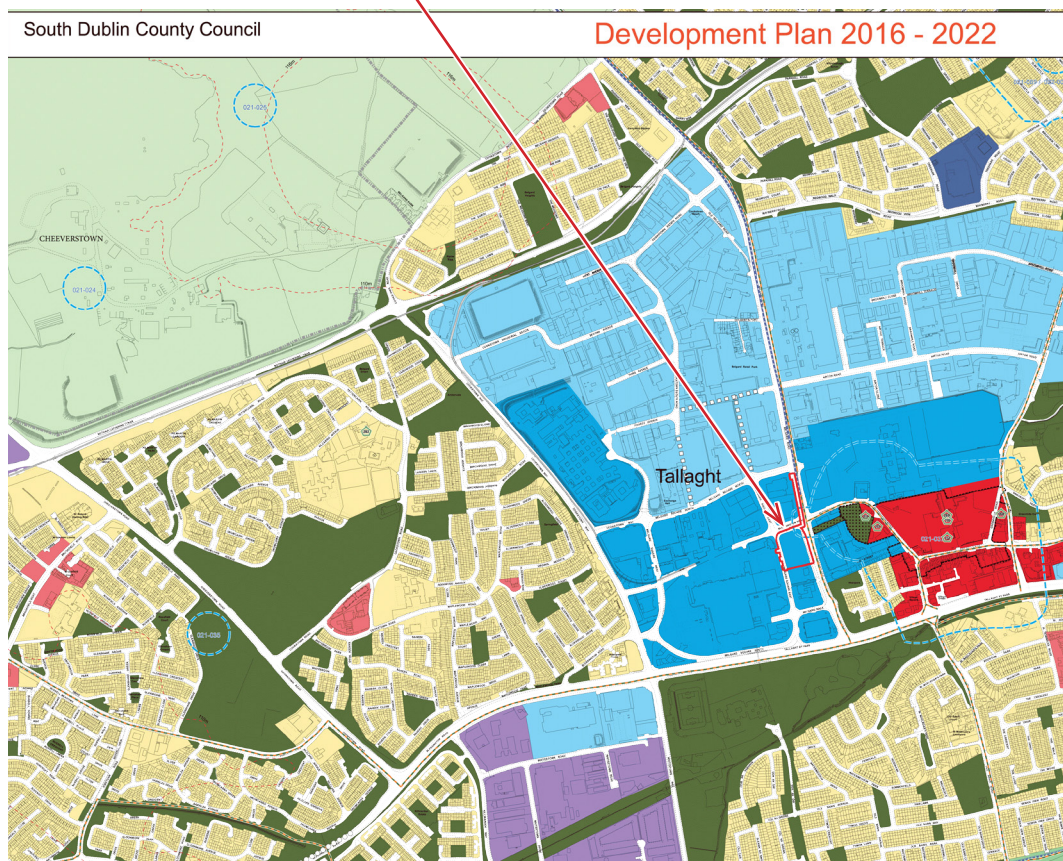
### 1.2 Some Aviation Changes to Note (subsequent to the 2016 SDCC Development Plan)

- (i) In **December 2017**, the standards relating to eight international and regional airports in Ireland (including **Dublin**, but not Casement) came **under E.A.S.A.** [European Aviation Safety Agency] standards, rather than I.C.A.O. [International Civil Aviation Organization] standards as previously. Weston Airport is temporarily exempted, and remains (with Casement) under ICAO standards.
- (ii) In **November 2018**, **I.C.A.O. issued revised 'Annex 14' Standards** bringing these in line with the new E.A.S.A. Aerodromes Specifications, with several changes to airport design specifications (including narrower Approach Surfaces).
- (iii) In **February 2019**, **Casement's runway designations** were changed: its main runway (formerly 11/29, as in the SDCC Development Plan) was redesignated as **10/28**, and its subsidiary runway (formerly 05/23) was redesignated as **04/22**. This arose from a shift in magnetic variation which affected Casement. In this report we use the new 2019 designations, but they refer to the same runways as are in the SDCC Plan.

### 1.3 The Site in Relation to the Current S.D.C.C. Development Plan

In the current South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022, this site (to south of Cookstown Industrial Estate, Tallaght) is zoned “Objective TC: To protect, improve and provide for the future development of Town Centres.”

*The site is shown outlined in red on the S.D.C.C. Map 9 extract below.*



### 1.4 Items of aeronautical significance in relation to the site are:

- (i) The site lies under the Approach and Take-Off Climb Surfaces to/from Casement Aerodrome's main runway 10/28, with the proposed development at 5.23 km from the threshold of Runway 28.
- (ii) The site also lies under the Conical Surface that surrounds Casement military aerodrome (*see illustration in Section 7 on page 10*).
- (iii) The ground level on the site (at ~97.6m OD) lies ~1.6m higher than the level of the threshold of Casement Aerodrome's Runway 28, and 11metres higher than the aerodrome's datum level (86.6m OD).
- (iv) The site lies at 534m approx. to the east of the helipad at Tallaght Hospital.

## 2. Relevant SDCC Development Plan Paragraphs

Of particular relevance to the aeronautical assessment of the site in question are the paragraphs reproduced below from the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022, including —

### 2.1 (i) Paragraph (a) referring to Casement runway 11/29 [now designated runway 10/28] on page 137 of the Plan (under Section 7.8.1 – ‘IE8 Objective 2’):

The airspace of Casement is defined by the Obstacle Limitation Surfaces, prepared and mapped on the County Development Plan map in accordance with the ICAO Standards and the Irish Aviation Authority ‘Guidance Material on Aerodrome Annex 14 Surfaces (2015)’, including the following:

a). Prevent objects from penetrating the Obstacle Limitation Surfaces for runway 11/29. The existing main runway (11/29) is considered as an instrument approach Code 4 runway and the relevant Obstacle Limitation Surfaces of the Irish Aviation Authority ‘Guidance Material on Aerodrome Annex 14 Surfaces’ (2015) are applicable.

### 2.2 (ii) The paragraphs on ‘Outer Approach Area’ on page 229 of the Plan (under Section 11.6.6 ‘Aerodromes’) – the longitudinal section referred to is on p.12:

#### Outer Approach Area

Under the Outer Approach Surface (outside the Inner Approach Area but within the approach funnels), graded heights of development below the Obstacle Limitation Surfaces of the runways may be permitted, subject to demonstration that the development is not an obstacle to the operation of the runway.

The Planning Authority will consult with the DoD and the IAA, as required, in this assessment. The Planning Authority will require the applicant to submit a longitudinal section through the relevant Approach Surface funnel. The section drawing shall include the following:

- The Ordnance Datum (OD) of the relevant runway,
- The approach surface slope for the relevant runway in accordance with Table 3 & 4 of the IAA Guidance Material on Aerodrome Annex 14 Surfaces (2015) and set out in Table 11.26 below,

**Table 11.26: Aerodrome Surface Slopes**

| APPROACH RUNWAY        | SURFACE SLOPE                   |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Casement Runways 11/29 | 2% for first sector (3000m)     |
| Casement Runways 05/23 | 3.33% (non – instrument runway) |
| Weston Runway 07/25    | 4%                              |

- The OD of the highest point and OD of the predominant height of the proposed development,
- A range of OD reference points for the existing ground levels on the subject site,
- The horizontal distance of the subject site from the Aerodrome, and
- Heights of existing permanent obstacles in the vicinity of the site if applying the principle of shielding (see Section 3.23 of the Irish Aviation Authority Guidance Material on Aerodrome Annex 14 Surfaces, 2015).

The distance from threshold shall be taken into account in the section drawing.

For significant developments and in instances of marginal cases, the applicant may be requested to submit an individual aeronautical assessment.

- 2.3 (iii) **The paragraphs on ‘Conical Surface’ on page 230 of the Plan:**  
[also referred to on page 228 of the Plan under Section 11.6.6 (ii) ‘Aerodromes’]

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| <p><b>Conical Surface</b></p> <p>Generally, development will be acceptable in this zone provided the development is under the height restriction of 45 metres above the elevation datum of the Aerodrome (86.6m OD).</p> <p>The applicant shall be required to detail the OD height of the proposed development, in the context of the relevant Aerodrome.</p> |  |

- 2.4 It may be noted (as illustrated in the IAA/ICAO diagram on page 228 of the Development Plan) that a Conical Surface slopes upwards & outwards (at 5% slope) so that, while the 45m height quoted above is applicable at the lowest edge of the Conical Surface (i.e. at 131.6m OD), considerably greater height is possible under this Surface (up to 145m above the elevation datum of an aerodrome) as distance from the aerodrome increases. For this site, with its nearest corner at 970m approx. from the inner edge of Casement’s Conical Surface, an additional 48.5m height [970 × 5%] – in addition to the 45m quoted above – is possible anywhere on the site.

*N.B. All references in the Development Plan to Casement’s Runways 11/29 and 05/23 now refer to Casement’s **Runways 10/28 and 04/22** (as redesignated in February 2019).*

- 2.5 Section 5 [below] contains our calculations in relation to the **Approach Surface** to Casement Runway 28 (rising at slopes of 2% and 2.5%), as provided for in the SDCC Plan.

We also include calculations in Section 6 in relation to the **Take-Off Climb Surface** from Casement Runway 10, because – for this category of runway (Code 4, precision approach, *with displaced threshold*) – the Take-off Climb Surface is lower than the Approach Surface. [The Take-off Climb Surface rises continuously (for 15km) at 2% slope, while the Approach Surface slope changes from 2% to 2.5% after 3km].

For this category of runway, the Take-off Climb Surface (with an inner edge of 180m width) is narrower than the Approach Surface (with an inner edge of 280m\*) [*\* per ICAO revision of 2018.*] This difference in width is not relevant however for this site, which is located under both Surfaces.

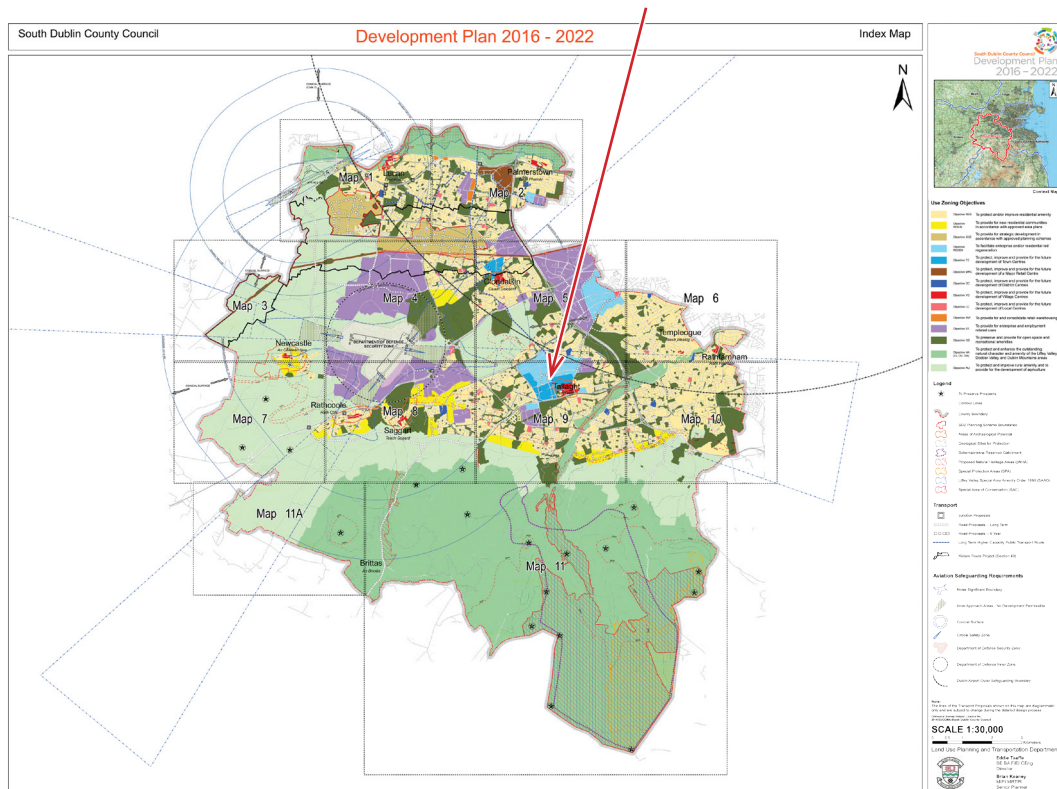
Calculations in relation to Casement’s **Conical Surface** are provided in Section 7.

- 2.6 Prior to submission of this report, we have provided details of the proposed development on this site to the Department of Defence and to the Irish Aviation Authority, and it should also be noted that **all aviation provisions in the SDCC Draft CDP 2022-2028 have been taken into account and assessed in this report.**
- 2.7 We also point out that much of the information concerning aviation and aerodromes (including Casement military aerodrome) has been provided by our own firm to S.D.C.C. at the time of preparation of previous Development Plans.

### 3. Obstacle Limitation Surfaces that Affect the Belgard Square East Site

3.1 The Department of Defence has adopted the I.C.A.O. Obstacle Limitation Surfaces in relation to Casement Aerodrome. Being a military aerodrome, Casement is not bound by these Civil Aviation standards, but the Department of Defence has opted to apply these Standards at Casement to protect aircraft in flight. These Obstacle Limitation Surfaces – similar to the E.A.S.A. Specifications which now apply at Dublin and other Irish airports – are set out by the International Civil Aviation Organization (based in Montreal) as *International Standards and Recommended Practices* in its *Annex 14 – ‘Aerodromes’* document, [with revisions to several Annex 14 dimensions made by ICAO on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018].

3.2 The Conical Surface for Casement Aerodrome, and the Approach Surface to Casement’s Runway 28, are shown on the current S.D.C.C. Development Plan Index Map (illustrated below) on which the site’s location is indicated by the arrow.



The 3 established Aviation [Obstacle] Surfaces which affect this site at Tallaght are

- (i) the Approach Surface\* to Casement’s Runway 28;
- (ii) the Take-Off Climb Surface\* from Casement’s Runway 10; and
- (iii) the Conical Surface\*\* for Casement Aerodrome as a whole.

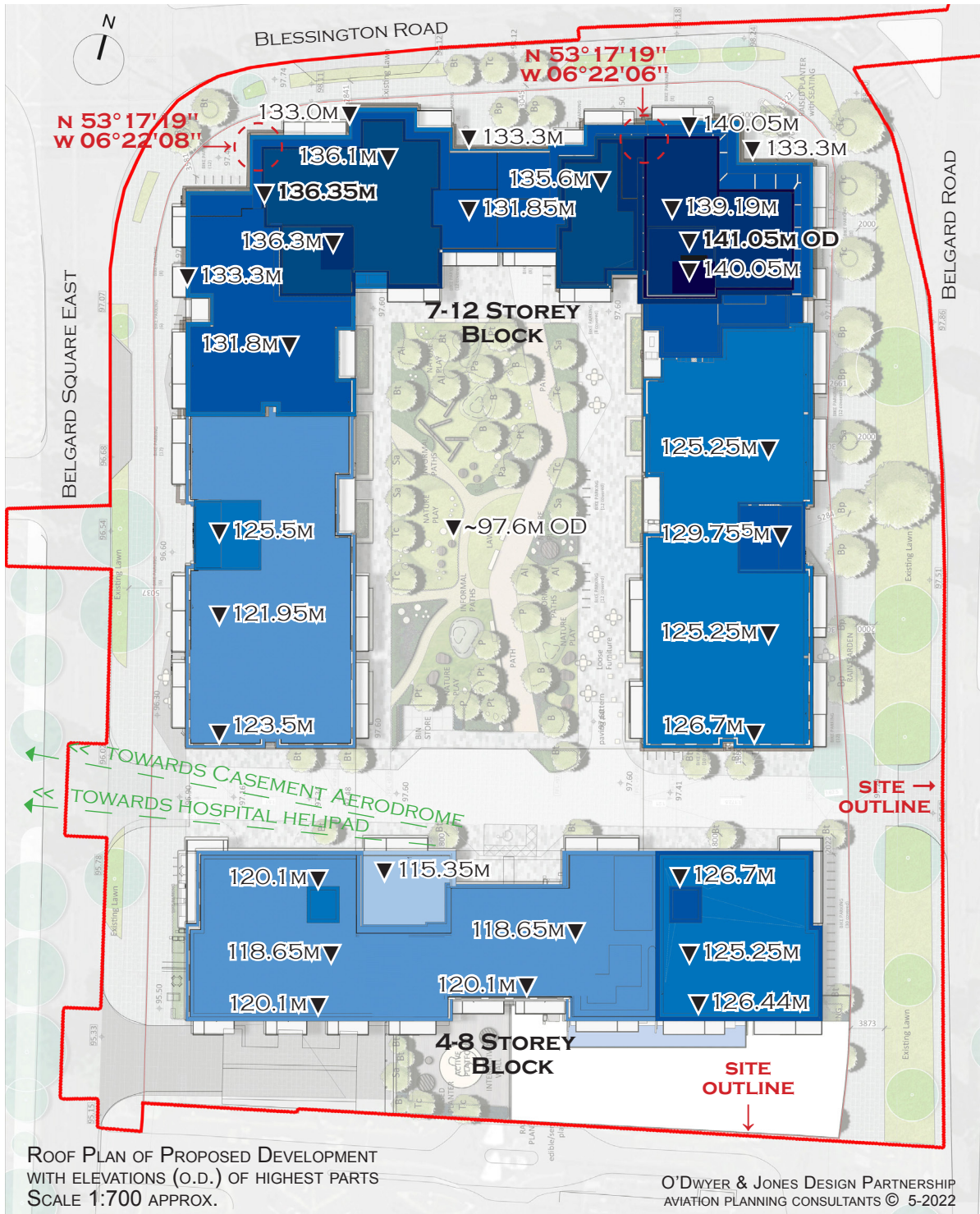
\* The Approach and Take-Off Climb Surfaces are inclined planes of different widths which increase as distance from the runway increases, and which rise at different slopes depending on the category of runway (and distance from its threshold).

\*\* The Conical Surface is an inclined plane commencing at 131.6m OD (45m above Casement Aerodrome’s datum level of 86.6m OD), and rising at 5%.

4. Layout, Elevations-OD, & Coordinates of the Proposed Development

4.1 Below, to approx. scale 1:700, is a Roof Plan of the development, of 318 apartments and 2,206m<sup>2</sup> commercial use, in two separated blocks: a large U-shaped block to the north, of 7-12 storeys (plus basement), and a smaller block to the south, of 4-8 storeys.

Elevations (OD) of the highest elements, and coordinates of relevant corners, are shown. [In this diagram, darker blue shading indicates higher roof areas.]





#### 4.2 Coordinates Data – Proposed Development:

Relevant corners of the proposed development are circled on the previous page.

These are —

the **nearest rooftop corner** to Casement Aerodrome and to Tallaght Hospital helipad, at **136.35m** OD elevation, with coordinates: **53° 17' 19" N, 006° 22' 08" W**; & the edge (nearest to Casement Aerodrome and to Tallaght Hospital helipad) of the **highest element** of the development (top of telecommunications equipment) at **141.05m** OD elevation, with coordinates: **53° 17' 19" N, 006° 22' 06" W**;

#### 4.3 Coordinates Data – Casement & Helipad:

The two relevant Casement coordinates are:

(i) the centre of the threshold of Runway 22 at **53° 18' 12.63" N, 006° 26' 22.02" W**

– the reference point for setting out the Conical Surface above the wider Cookstown area; *and*

(ii) the displaced threshold of Runway 28 at **53° 18' 05.85" N, 006° 26' 40.68" W**

– used for precise calculation of the Inner Edges of the Approach Surface to Runway 28 (at 60m east of that location), and of the Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 (at 240m east of that location).

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|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| AERODROME CHART N |           |                                   |
| ICAO W            |           |                                   |
| RWY               | DIRECTION | THR                               |
| 04                | 044°      | N 53°17'36.90"<br>W 006°27'13.73" |
| 10                | 105°      | N 53°18'16.88"<br>W 006°28'07.75" |
| 22                | 224°      | N 53°18'12.63"<br>W 006°26'22.02" |
| 28                | 285°      | N 53°18'05.85"<br>W 006°26'40.68" |

Tallaght Hospital helipad (102.8m OD) is centred at **53° 17' 22.2" N, 006° 22' 36.4" W**

#### 4.4 Distances Between Coordinates:

Runway 22 Threshold to nearest rooftop corner = **4,970m**

Runway 22 Threshold to highest building element = **5,010m**

Runway 28 Threshold to nearest rooftop corner = **5,230m**

Runway 28 Threshold to highest building element = **5,275m**

Hospital helipad to nearest rooftop corner = **534m**

Hospital helipad to highest building element = **570m**

#### 4.5 Distances Along the Extended Centreline of Rwy 10/28:

For Approach and Take-off Climb Surface calculations, the distances along extended runway centreline (rather than the direct distances from site to threshold) are relevant.

Thus, for the nearest building corner of the site, at **5,230m direct distance**, lying **350m** south of the extended centreline of Runways 10/28, its distance as measured along that runway centreline is **5,218m\***.

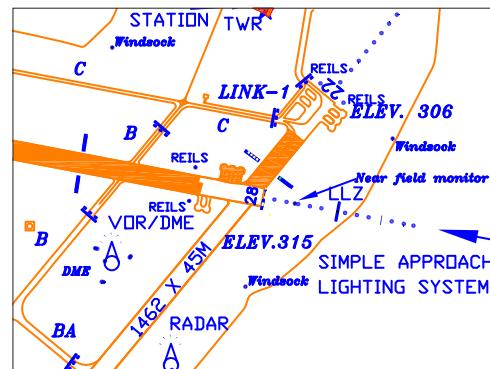
\* Calculation:  $(5230)^2 \text{ minus } (350)^2 = (5218)^2$

Similarly, the corner of the highest building element – at **5,275m direct distance** and at **360m** south of the runway centreline – lies at **5,263m** along the centreline.

## c5. Calculations with regard to the Approach Surface to Runway 28

### 5.1 Relevant Data:

The relevant runway threshold (28) is stated on the current Aerodrome Chart [>] to be at 315ft AMSL elevation, i.e. at **96m** OD, which is also the elevation of the Inner Edge of the Approach Surface commencing at **60m** from that runway threshold.



By deducting 60m from the 5,218m listed in paragraph 4.5 (on the previous page) it is established that the nearest building corner lies at **5,158m** from the inner edge of the Approach Surface to Casement's Runway 28 (as measured along the centre of that Surface – i.e. along the extended centreline of Runway 28).

A similar calculation [ $5,263 - 60 = 5,203$ ] shows that the near corner of the building development's highest element (at 141.05m OD) lies at **5,203m** from the inner edge of the Approach Surface.

- 5.2 The ground levels on the site are at ~97.6m OD, i.e. at 1.6m higher than the Threshold of Casement's Runway 28.
- 5.3 The slopes of the **Approach Surface to Runway 28** (as stated in the Development Plan [in which it is referred to as Runway 29] – and as per ICAO for a Code 4 instrument runway) are 2% for the first 3,000 metres and 2.5% for the next 3,600 metres.

Thus, at the building development's nearest corner (at **5,158m** from the Surface's Inner Edge) the Approach Surface to Rwy28 lies at **210m OD\***, and therefore lies 112.4 metres above the 97.6m OD ground elevation, and at **73.65m** above the highest roof element at that corner (which is at **136.35m OD**)

\* calculated as follows —

$$(3000 \times 2\%) + (2158 \times 2.5\%) + 96m \text{ OD} = 60 + 54 + 96m = 210m \text{ OD}$$

- 5.4 Building heights of 4 to 12 storeys are proposed on this site, with the highest item – telecommunications equipment on the highest roof, at **141.05m OD** – being 43.45m high. This highest element is at **5,203m** from the Inner Edge of the Approach Surface to Rwy28, so that at this point the Approach Surface lies at **211.1m OD\*\***, i.e. at **70.05m** above the highest point of the development.

\*\* calculated as follows —

$$(3000 \times 2\%) + (2203 \times 2.5\%) + 96m \text{ OD} = 60 + 55.1 + 96m = 211.1m \text{ OD}$$

- 5.5 Thus the proposed development complies fully with the requirements of the S.D.C.C. Development Plan with regard to the Approach Surface to Runway 28.
- 5.6 A Longitudinal Section Diagram (on page 12) illustrates the features noted above.

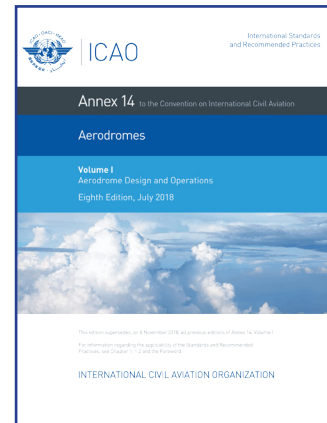
## 6. Calculations with regard to the Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10

6.1 The **Take-off Climb Surface** from Runway 10 commences at 240m [180+60m] from the displaced Threshold of Runway 28. This places the Take-off Surface's Inner Edge at **4,978m\*** from nearest roof of the development. Rising at 2% (from 96mOD) – as defined by ICAO for this category of runway – the Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 therefore rises to **195.6m OD\*** in this location, at **59.25m** above the north-west corner (which is at 136.35m OD).

\* calculated as follows ( $5218 - 240 = 4978m$ ):  
 $4978 \times 2\% + 96m OD = 99.6 + 96m = 195.6m OD$

And above the highest element (@ **141.05m OD**, the Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 lies at **196.5m OD\*\*** (and therefore at **55.45m** above this point).

\*\* calculated as follows ( $5263 - 240 = 5023m$ ):  
 $5023 \times 2\% + 96m OD = 100.5 + 96m = 196.5m OD$



6.2 Thus the proposed development (which extends to **141.05m OD**) will not affect the Take-Off Climb Surface from Casement Runway 10 (as defined by I.C.A.O.), which at its nearest lies at **55.45m above the highest roof element**.

6.3 I.C.A.O. also includes a recommendation (in paragraph 4.2.26 of its *Annex 14 – Aerodromes*) that 'If no object reaches the 2% take-off climb surface, new objects should be limited to ... a surface down to a slope of 1.6% ...' We therefore include the following calculation in relation to a possible 1.6% Take-off Climb Surface, and this would lie at **176.4m OD\*\*\*** i.e. at **35m+** above the highest element of the development.

\*\*\* calculated as follows —  
 $5023 \times 1.6\% + 96m OD = 80.4 + 96m = 176.4m OD$

6.4 In addition, I.C.A.O. includes a provision (in paragraph 3.8.1.1 of its *Annex 4 – Aeronautical Charts*: see para.8.2) that any obstacle projecting above a 1.2% slope in the take-off flight path area be considered a significant obstacle, and be shown on Aeronautical Charts. We therefore include an additional calculation in relation to a 1.2% slope, which lies at **156.3m OD\*\*\*\*** above the highest element (at 141.05m OD), i.e. at **15.2m** above the highest point of the proposed development.

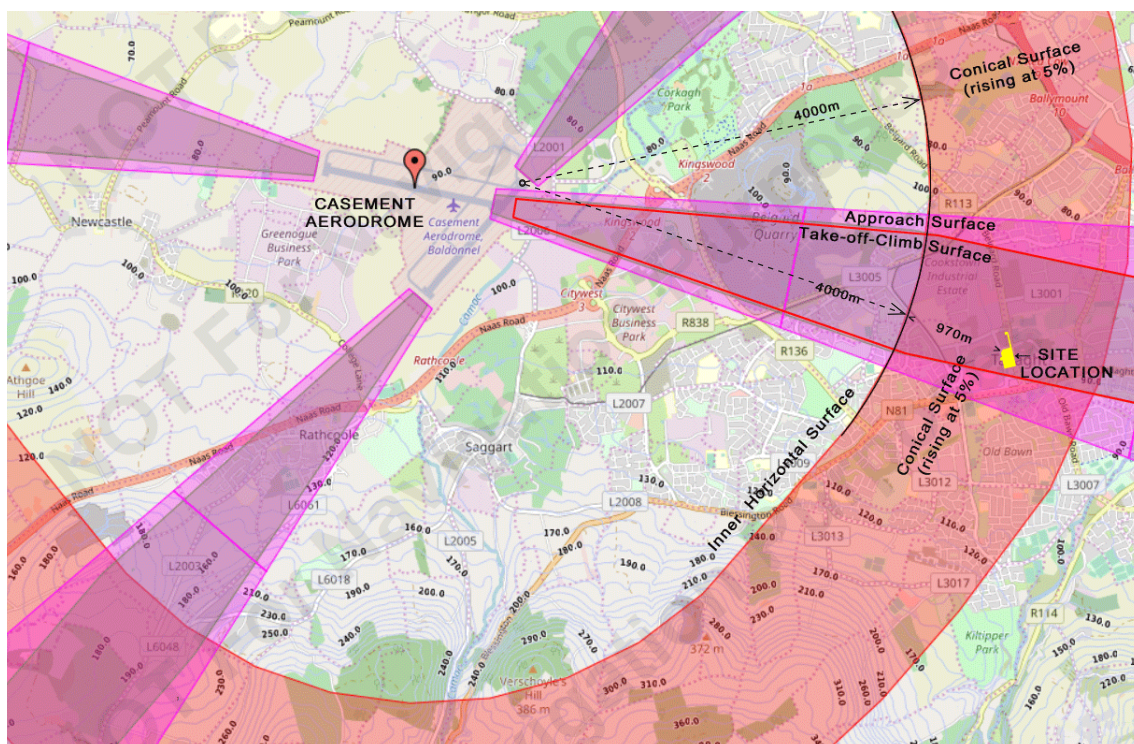
\*\*\*\* calculated as follows —  
 $5023 \times 1.2\% + 96m OD = 60.3 + 96m = 156.3m OD$

6.5 Thus the proposed development will not affect –  
 (i) Casement's Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 (at 2% slope), or  
 (ii) a lower Take-off Climb Surface (at 1.6% slope); and  
 (iii) it does not constitute an 'obstacle' in respect of the 1.2% slope.

## 7. Calculations with regard to the Conical Surface at Casement Aerodrome

7.1 As noted in Section 3 above, the **Conical Surface** at Casement Aerodrome commences from the outer edge of the aerodrome's Inner Horizontal Surface [which lies at 131.6 metres OD, being 45m above the Department of Defence's chosen datum of 86.6m]. From this 131.6m OD elevation at its inner edge, the Conical Surface at Casement rises at a gradient of 5% for a distance of 2 km horizontally, reaching an elevation of 145m above the aerodrome's datum at its outer rim (i.e. rising to an elevation of 231.6m OD).

*The drawing below (with Conical Surface shown coral-coloured, and Approach & Take-off Climb Surfaces in purple & grey) is taken from the published I.A.A. 'Asset' data: onto it we have added the site in yellow, and notes + dimensions in black. —*



*[In this 'Asset' diagram above, which pre-dates ICAO's 2018 amendments to 'Annex 14', Approach Surfaces are shown commencing at 300m rather than at current 280m widths; this 10m reduction to both sides of the Approach Surface does not however affect this site. In addition, the Inner Edge of the Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 was shown as coinciding with the Inner Edge of the Approach Surface to Runway 28 (rather than at 180m separation, due to recent displacement of 28 Threshold) – we have amended the location of this Take-off Climb Surface from Runway 10 in an added red outline included above.]*

7.2 It can be seen that this site lies under the Conical Surface of Casement Aerodrome (as well as being under – but not projecting above – the Approach and Take-off Climb Surfaces to/from Runways 10/28). The Conical Surface (although less important at an aerodrome than the more critical Approach and Take-off Climb Surfaces) is, in this location, the lowest of the three Obstacle Limitation Surfaces which affect this site.

- 7.3 The setting-out locations for Casement's Inner Horizontal and Conical Surfaces are the centrelines of the relevant runways, and for the Cookstown area the reference point is the centre of Threshold 22 – about which a 4km arc is described (to N-E of the R136 road, extending from Grange Castle Road to Cheeverstown Road approximately). —See diagram on previous page. The coordinates and distances from the site of this Threshold 22 reference point are given in paragraphs 4.2 – 4.4 above.
- 7.4 As noted in paragraph 4.4 [on page 7 above], the corner of this development's roof nearest to Casement Aerodrome lies at 4,970m from the reference point at the centre of Threshold 22, i.e. it lies at 970m from the inner (lower) edge of the aerodrome's Conical Surface. This means that the Conical Surface in this location (where the building height is **136.35m OD**) lies at **180.1 metres OD\***, i.e. at **43.75m** above this corner, *calculated as follows:*  

$$* 131.6 + (970 \times 5\%) = 131.6 + 48.5 = 180.1m OD$$
- 7.5 And as also noted in paragraph 4.4 (on page 7 above), the highest element of this development lies at 5,010m from the reference point at the centre of Threshold 22, i.e. it lies at 1,010m from the inner (lower) edge of the aerodrome's Conical Surface. This means that the Conical Surface in this location (where the building height is **141.05m OD**) lies at **182.1 metres OD\*\***, i.e. at **41.05m** above the highest building element, *calculated as follows:*  

$$** 131.6 + (1010 \times 5\%) = 131.6 + 50.5 = 182.1m OD$$
- 7.6 Thus all parts of the proposed development (with its various high points extending from 126.7m OD to a maximum of 141.05m OD) are significantly lower than the Conical Surface above the site. At its nearest, the Conical Surface lies at **41m** above the highest element of the proposed development.

## 8. Summary re Casement Aerodrome's Obstacle Limitation Surfaces

- 8.1 Calculations (in Sections 5, 6, & 7 above) in relation to the development's nearest corner, and to its highest element, show that all parts of the proposed development on this site are significantly lower than any of Casement Aerodrome's three Obstacle Limitation Surfaces which lie above the site.

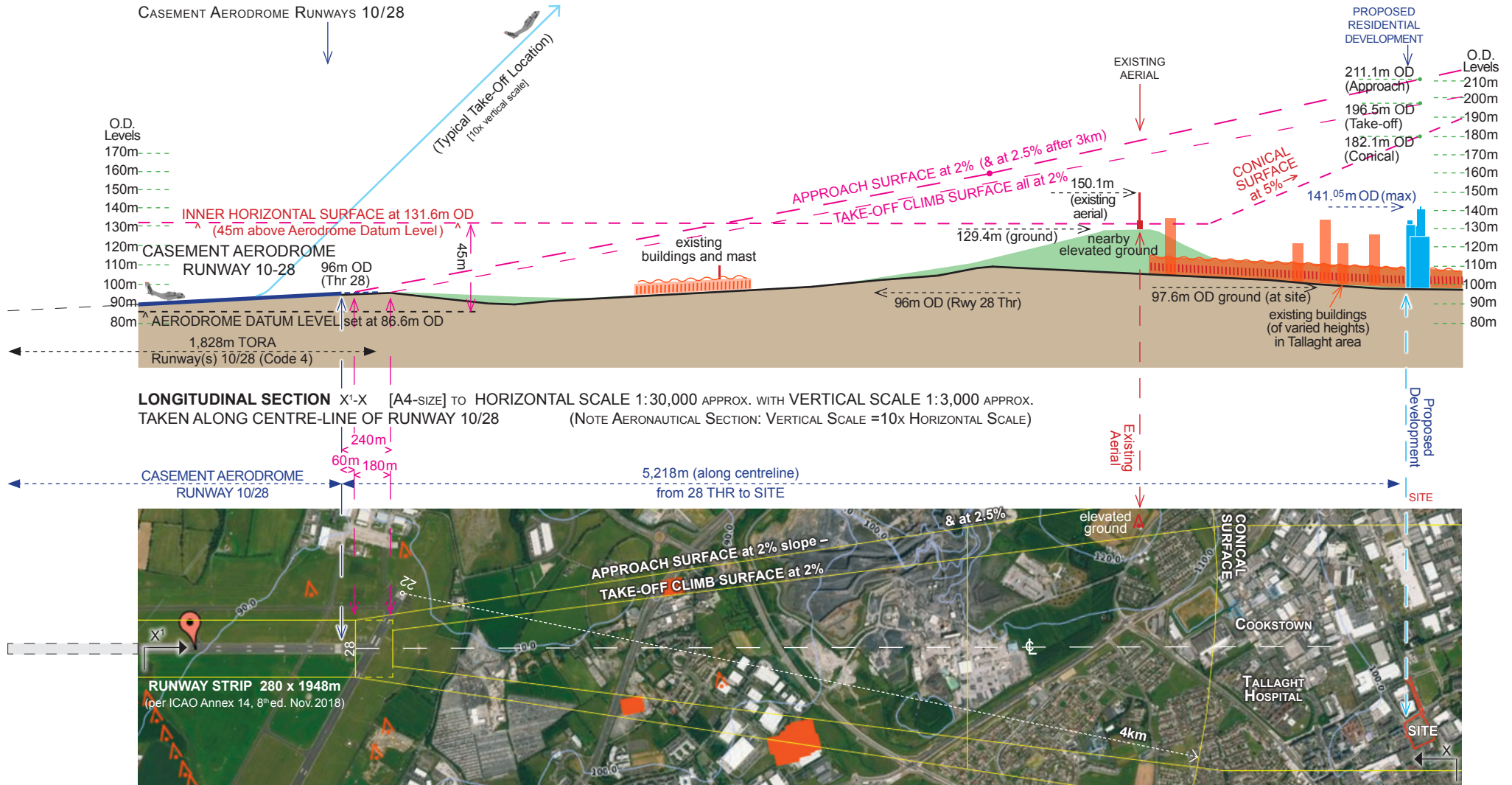
This is illustrated in the Longitudinal Section Diagram on the following page 12, on which all three Obstacle Limitation Surfaces are shown.

- 8.2 As noted in para. 6.4 above, the proposed development also lies at **15.2m** below a 1.2% slope extended from the inner edge of the take-off flight path from Casement's Runway 10, and therefore does not require to be shown on aerodrome charts (per paragraph 3.8.1.1 of I.C.A.O.'s Annex 4 – 'Aeronautical Charts' >>).



9. Longitudinal Section Diagram and Aerial Photo Map

[SCALE AT A3 SIZE: 1:22,000 HORIZONTAL & 1:2,200 VERTICAL APPROX.]



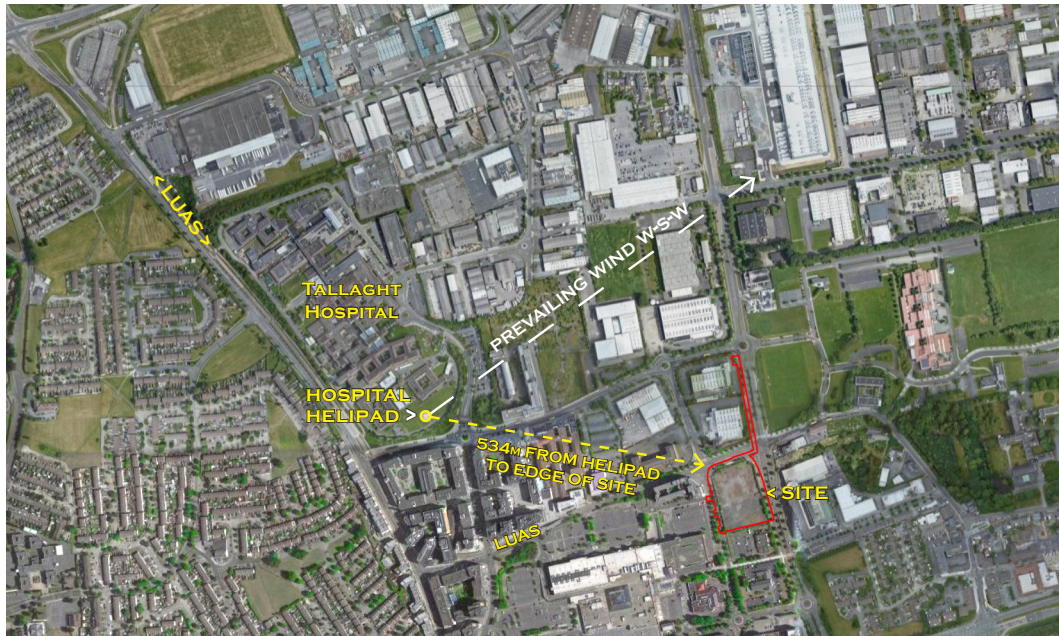
**AERIAL PHOTO MAP** WITH 10M CONTOURS AND OBSTACLES AS MARKED ON IAA 'ASSET' DATA

SITE OUTLINE: — 10M CONTOURS: —  
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## 10. Tallaght Hospital Helipad

- 10.1 The helipad at Tallaght Hospital is centred at 534m to the west of the nearest corner of the roof of this development. Being a private helipad, it has no established obstacle limitation surfaces.



The corner of the development nearest to the helipad (at 11 storeys) rises in height to 136.35m OD at **534m** from the helipad (with this nearest roof corner **33.55m** higher than the helipad); and the highest point of the development rises to 141.05m OD (above the 12-storey section) i.e. to **38.25m** higher than the helipad surface at a distance of **570m** from the helipad's centre.

These dimensions indicate that all parts of the development will lie below a 1 in 14 (8.3%) slope rising from the edge of the helipad – i.e. **well below the necessary 1 in 8 slope** which is described in paragraphs 10.4-10.5 on the following page (and also below a 1 in 12.5 slope applicable to lower-performing helicopters).

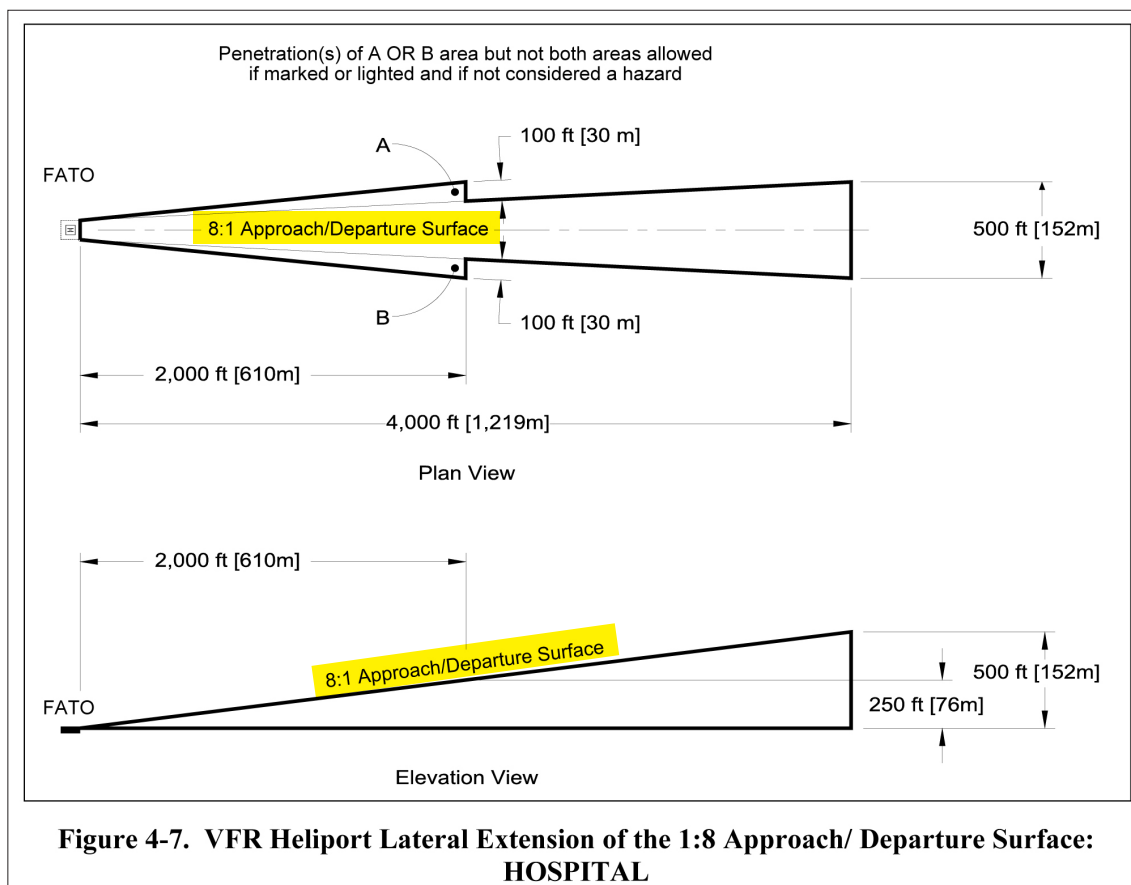
- 10.2 The prevailing wind in the area is from west-south-west (*indicated by the dashed white arrow on the aerial photo above*), with 41% of wind recorded at Dublin Airport since 2000 in sectors west, w-s-w, and s-w. Helicopter arrivals and departures into wind in this typical direction would be well clear of the site.

- 10.3 It is worth noting that this helipad currently faces existing 9- & 10-storey buildings [*>>*] immediately to its south at the other side of the Belgard Square North roadway. These buildings between the site and the helipad are at substantially closer distances (at 55m to the south, and rising ~30m above the helipad).



EXISTING 9-10 STOREY BUILDINGS BESIDE TALLAGHT HOSPITAL ENTRANCE & HELIPAD

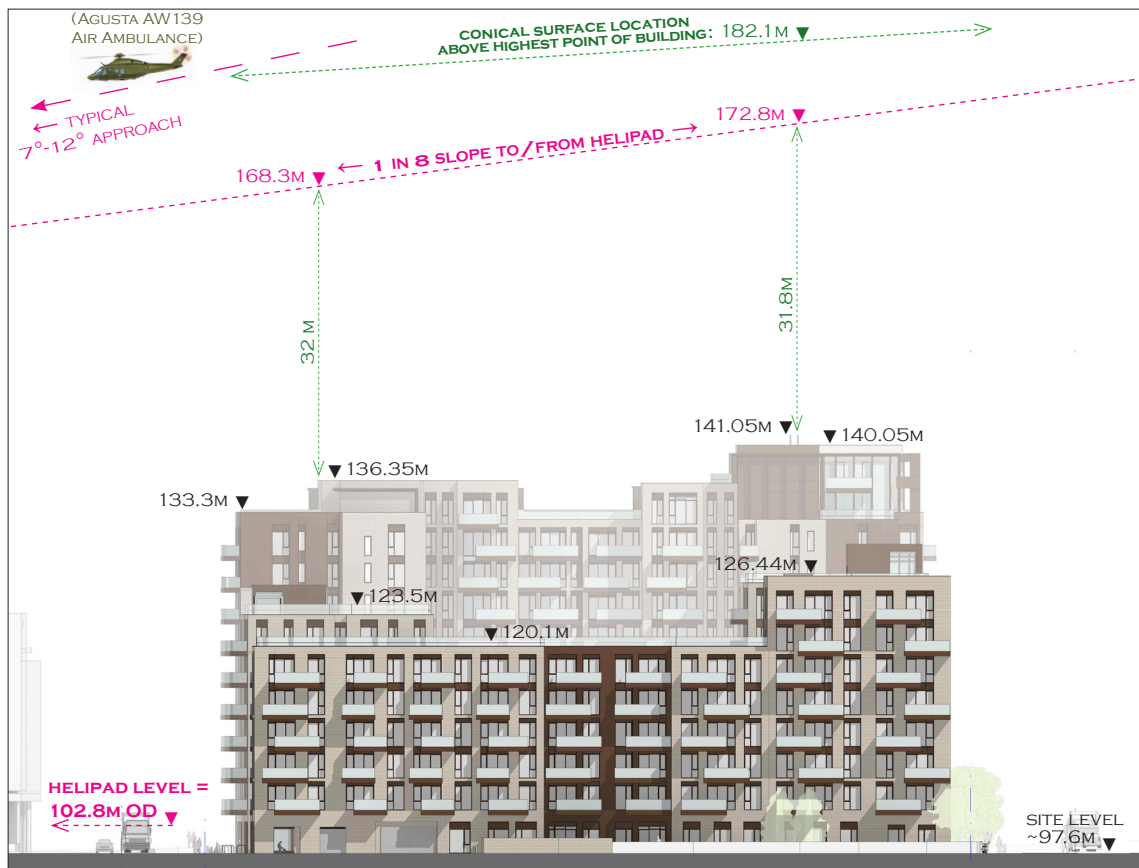
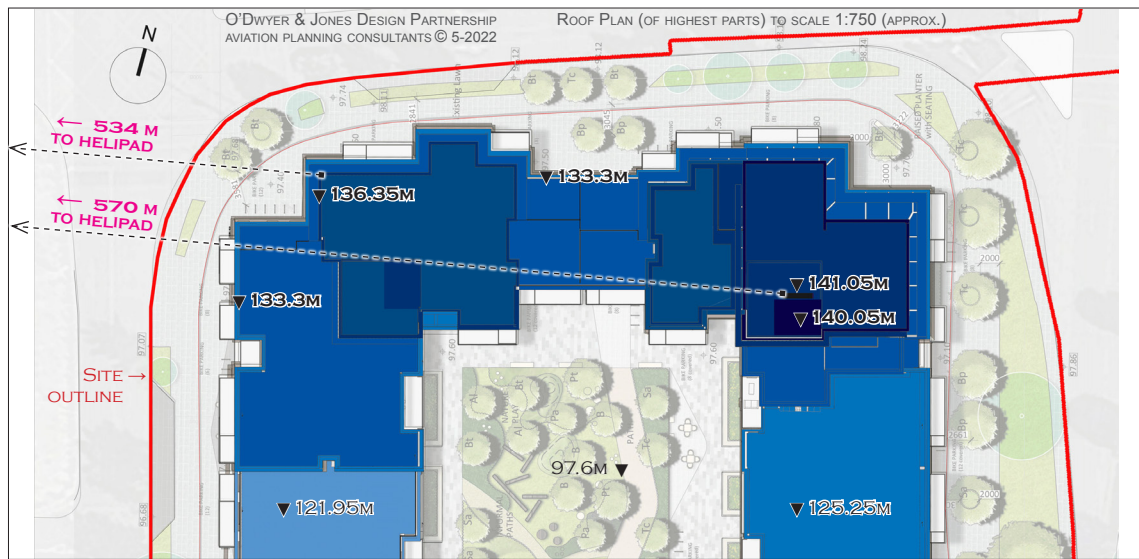
- 10.4 While this is a private helipad without established Approach or Departure Surfaces (and is not a heliport), it is noted that FAA document *AC 150/5390-2B – ‘Hospital Heliports’* [extract below] provides for a 1 in 8 slope at hospital heliports. This slope can readily be provided above the proposed building (as illustrated in the diagram on the following page 15).



This 1:8 Slope guideline is also stated in FAA's *Order JO-7400.2G* for heliports; and ICAO (*in its Annex 14 'Vol II: Heliports'*), and EASA (*in its Heliport Specifications of 2019*), set out the same 12.5% (i.e. 1 in 8) slope for Heliport Approach & Take-off Surfaces in 'Slope Design Category C', which is suitable for higher-performing twin-engined helicopters, such as use this hospital helipad. A shallower 8% (i.e. 1 in 12.5) slope is also referred to by ICAO and EASA (suitable for lower-performing helicopters) and this could also be provided without difficulty above the proposed development.

- 10.5 The SDCC Draft Development Plan 2022-28 includes a provision that any new development in the vicinity of hospital helipads in the South Dublin area should be clear of a 1 in 8 slope (in any direction from the helipad). As can be seen in the diagram on the following page, the proposed development complies fully with this (Draft) CDP requirement in regard to hospital helipads.





**ROOF PLAN (PART) & ELEVATION DRAWING** APPROX SCALE 1 : 750 [VERTICALLY & HORIZONTALLY] WITH SUPERIMPOSED APPROACH / DEPARTURE SURFACE TO TALLAGHT HOSPITAL HELIPAD [ - - - - ]

10.6 The location of a 1 : 8 approach/departure slope above the development is shown above.

At its closest the 1:8 slope lies at 31.8 metres above the highest roof element. This clearance should be sufficient for cranes on site during construction. It can also be seen that the development steps downwards towards the helipad direction.

## 11. Other Aviation Considerations Relevant to this Site

### 11.1 Outer Horizontal Surfaces for Dublin Airport

The site of the proposed development lies at around 1.1km beyond the Outer Horizontal Surface for Dublin Airport, which is unaffected by the development.

### 11.2 Solar/PV Panels

No solar/PV panels are proposed as part of this development, so that no Glint & Glare Study is required.

### 11.3 External Lighting

Being at 350m from centreline of Approach and Take-off Climb Surfaces to & from Runway(s) 10/28, it is recommended that any external lighting (including any street lighting) should be of the cut-off type (i.e. showing no light above the horizontal).

With its highest point at less than 45m above adjoining ground level, it would seem that the placing of aircraft warning lights on the highest points may not be strictly necessary, unless requested by the IAA.

### 11.4 Use of Cranes During Construction

It is intended that any cranes used during construction will operate well below all of Casement's Obstacle Limitation Surfaces, the lowest of which lies **at more than 40m** above the highest element of the development.

In any event, it will be necessary [under S.I. 215 of 2005 – *Irish Aviation Authority (Obstacles to Aircraft in Flight) Order*] for prior notification of the use of any cranes to be submitted, at least 30 days in advance, to the Irish Aviation Authority, and to Casement Aerodrome [at [airspaceandobstacles@defenceforces.ie](mailto:airspaceandobstacles@defenceforces.ie) or 01-4037681], who may need to issue notifications to pilots, and who may require cranes to be fitted with aviation warning lights. Prior notification to the HSE's Aero-Medical Section [at Phoenix Park] is also advised in respect of the nearby Tallaght Hospital helipad, (e.g. by means of their *Crane Notification Form*).

It is noted that, on the elevated ground beside Cookstown Road (at around 1.4km north-west of this site, and also lying under the Approach Surface to Runway 28 but much closer to that runway) there is an existing reservoir pump-house building, constructed at a ground level of 129.4m OD, which building projects above Casement's Inner Horizontal Surface, and above which there is an aerial extending to an elevation of 150.1m OD. This existing obstacle may provide a 'shielding' to objects of similar height (or less) in the Belgard Road area.



## 12. SUMMARY

### 12.1 Approach & Take-Off Climb Surfaces

The Approach Surface to Casement's Runway 28 and the Take-off Climb Surface from its Runway 10 are the significant Obstacle Limitation Surfaces in relation to this site, and the proposed development lies substantially lower than both of these surfaces, i.e. its highest element (at 141.05m OD) lies at **70.05 metres** below the Approach Surface, and at **55.45 metres** below the Take-off Climb Surface.

The development is also **15.2m** lower than the 1.2% slope above which it would be required for a structure to be notified as a potential obstacle on aeronautical charts.

### 12.2 Conical Surface

The Conical Surface, while being a less significant Surface than the Approach or Take-off Climb Surfaces, is the lowest of the three Obstacle Limitation Surfaces for Casement Aerodrome lying above this site. However this Conical Surface (sloping upwards at 5%) lies at **41m** above the highest point of the proposed development on this site, and is unaffected by it.

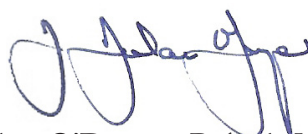
### 12.3 Tallaght Hospital Helipad

It is not anticipated that the proposed development will interfere with current helicopter operations to/from the hospital helipad. While this helipad is not a 'heliport', Approach and Departure Surfaces in compliance with international 'heliport' standards [and as provided for in the SDCC Draft CDP 2022-28] can, if required, be designed and provided (with **32m** clearance to spare) above the proposed building.

### 12.4 General

We consider that the proposed mixed-use development at the Belgard Square East site complies with all aviation and aeronautical requirements affecting the location, (including all aviation provisions in the upcoming [Draft] SDCC CDP 2022-28).

We have provided an advance copy of the aeronautical assessment of this site to the Irish Aviation Authority, and to the Department of Defence & Air Corps. The Department of Defence has replied that operation of cranes on site should be coordinated with Air Corps, and this will be fully complied with.



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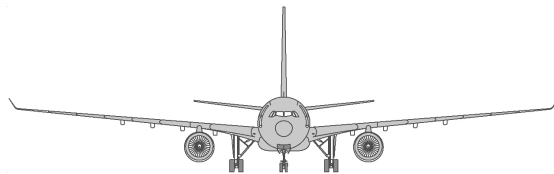
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