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Mr Sean O'Callaghan
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Dear Mr O'Callaghan

In reference to your letter of 13th January advising me that Cork County Council members' had resolved to write to the Minister for Transport indicating the Council's support for an independent debt free status for Cork.

Having a substantial traffic base at Cork Airport is an important strategic objective for daa. In this regard, the company is actively working with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, local stakeholders and national tourism agencies to grow the traffic base through (a) increasing the hinterland base for Cork Airport and (b) growing inbound passenger numbers. Resolving the issues at Cork Airport, including dealing with competition from other airports in the region, requires a united local Cork stakeholder approach focussed on how to get the commitment of more passengers to use Cork Airport. Airlines will provide services to meet demand but all too frequently now we have seen airlines withdraw from routes which are uneconomical for them to operate due to less than desired support.

Our Managing Director at Cork Airport, Niall MacCarthy has a number of stakeholder engagements planned and I know he would welcome an opportunity to meet with the County Mayor and your CEO Tim Lucey presently to brief them both personally on what steps are being taking and what progress is being made to address the two-fold approach outlined above.

I look forward to working collaboratively with the Council and other stakeholders over the coming months and getting support to deliver sustainable, long term growth at the airport.

Yours sincerely

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Kevin Toland
Chief Executive



16th February 2015

Mr. Seán O'Callaghan.
Senior Executive Officer,
Cork County Council,
County Hall,
Cork.

Re: Cork County Towns – Special adapted bus stop areas.

Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I refer to your letter of 28th January 2015 in relation to bus stops located in county towns in Cork.

We very much appreciate Cork County Councils proposal to install adapted bus stops in the county and Bus Éireann is happy to liaise with Cork County Council Engineers in this matter.

The Quality Bus Network Project office recommended that bus stops for wheelchair accessible coaches should have a hard standing area at least 4.6 metres deep and 3 metres wide and we understand this can be difficult to provide in certain locations, however we appreciate the proposal and we commend Cork County Council in undertaking this positive initiative.

Bus Éireann has been involved in various traffic and transportation committees in Cork County and we have distributed drawings and recommendations to council engineers in relation to the installation of bus stops for wheelchair accessible coaches.

As a general principal we would recommend that all towns have well-built well lit safe bus stops in the town centre and any progress that can be made in this regard will be very much appreciated.

It is unfortunately the case that some towns do not have any properly constructed bus stops in the town centre e.g. Dunmanway, Kinsale and Carrigtwohill and any progress that could be made at those locations would be very much appreciated. If you have any further queries – please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Martin Nolan
Chief Executive Officer

