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## Record of Meeting 09.PC0204 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	09.PC0204 Changes to the volume and nature of waste to be accepted at the Drehid Waste Management Facility, County Kildare.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	<b>Start Time</b>	11.00 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Meeting Room 3	<b>End Time</b>	11.45 a.m.
<b>Chairperson</b>	Philip Green	<b>Executive Officer</b>	Muiríosa Cassells

<b>Attendees</b>		
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The Board referred to its previous meeting with the prospective applicant of the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and subsequently the Board's meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 and the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office (EMRWO) on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. Records of the meetings were given to the prospective applicant for their information and comment. The prospective applicant requested that the Board note that an additional non-hazardous landfill capacity of 250,000 tonnes per annum including further new landfill cells is proposed rather than increased landfill as referenced in the development description.

The prospective applicant was advised that the Board Directed it's reporting team to examine in more detail the planning and environmental authorisations for the permitted energy from waste facilities at Carranstown and Poolbeg in respect of the proposed development and requirements for recovery or disposal of the bottom ash residues. It also asked its representatives to meet with the EPA to discuss their perspective on strategic management of this waste stream in Ireland and whether

any relevant considerations arise in terms of the IED licences for the above mentioned EFW facilities

The Board's reporting team met with the EPA via conference call on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 regarding the Direction. The EPA informed the Board that it is not aware of any specific plans or obligations at national or European level vis-à-vis the use or re-use of IBA but is cognisant generally of the Governments support for recycling. It is also stated that economics and economies of scale may be an important factor in the considerations of how viable re-use is.

A meeting was held with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. The EMRWO informed the reporting team of previous contact that they had with the prospective applicant in relation to the proposed development. The Regional Waste Office noted that the Regional Plans make reference to the exploration of alternative uses for waste streams generally. The Office noted that a collective approach is needed with respect to the development of the market for IBA re-use but that there was no certainty at present as to how or where the market would develop.

It said that the prudent strategy might be to allow for further re-appraisal with respect to the disposal of bottom ash, should re-use in Ireland become a viable option.

The prospective applicant was advised that the Board has raised the issue of the sustainability of the approach being proposed for IBA disposal in the long term and how this would sit with the over-arching European policy going forward. The Board acknowledged that there would need to be policy making considerations from the relevant stakeholders (e.g. Gov/NRA/NSAI etc.)

The Board representatives invited the prospective applicant to consider options to allow for revisiting re-use of this waste stream should alternatives uses be advanced in the future and possibly framing any application in that context.

The Board acknowledged the basis and principle for a hazardous waste facility as part of an integrated facility.

The prospective applicant was advised that the separate waste streams and figures and sources of such should be clearly stated and robustly supported and that alternative re-use /use of waste streams should be fully assessed.

The Board is aware that road and traffic impacts are a significant issue with the planning authority in respect of the existing facility and will be an issue for consideration with the proposed development. The prospective applicant was advised that this issue will need to be addressed in a substantive sense including with proposals brought forward to mitigate any potential adverse impacts from traffic associated with the use of the site. The prospective applicant noted that they had undertaken extensive surveys of access routes and acknowledged that financial contributions would be needed.

The Board made reference to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments Circular letter which advises on the interim Implementation of Directive 2014/52/EU on the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (EIA Directive) which is soon to be transposed into Irish law. Any Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted should have regard to specific amendments set out in the Directive including with reference to headings like “population, human health”, “biodiversity”, “land” “and “climate” etc. and consideration of alternatives.

**Conclusion:**

The Board asked the prospective applicant if it considered this to be the final meeting in this pre-application case or if they had any further consultations to undertake. The prospective applicant said that it had no further consultations and it believed that this would be the final meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 a.m.

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**Philip Green**

**Assistant Director of Planning**