



<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	09.PC0204  Increase in non-hazardous waste to landfill, increase in volume of waste to composting facility and development of hazardous waste landfill at Drehid Waste Management Facility, Co. Kildare.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>Meeting</b>	Meeting with Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office		
<b>Date</b>	20/07/17	<b>Start Time</b>	11 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Offices of EMRWO	<b>End Time</b>	11.45 a.m.
<b>Chairperson</b>	Philip Green	<b>Executive Officer</b>	Kieran Somers

<b>Attendees</b>		
<b>Representing An Bord Pleanála</b>		
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<b>Representing the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Office</b>		
Hugh Coughlan		
Emma Cassin		

The meeting commenced at 11 a.m.

The Board said that the instant meeting with the EMRWO was an information-gathering exercise from its point of view pursuant to section 37C(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, whereby the Board can consult with any person it considers may have information relevant to the purposes of the consultation under section 37B. A record of the meeting would be taken which would be made public at the closure of the pre application consultation process. A copy of the instant record would be forwarded to the EMRWO.

The Board noted that the function of pre-application consultations generally is to determine whether or not a proposed development would constitute strategic infrastructure, to advise on procedural issues and any other matters pertaining to proper planning and sustainable development which, in the opinion of the Board, might have a bearing on any decision.

The Board set out the progress of pre-application consultations to date. It advised the EMRWO that four meetings have been held with the prospective applicant in relation to PC0204.

With respect to the Drehid Waste Management Facility, the Board set out the constituent elements of the proposed development as follows:

- Increased non-hazardous landfill of 250,000 tonnes per annum, which in addition to the permitted 120,000 tonnes per annum, would result in 370,000 tonnes per annum up to the 2028 (when extant permission PL09.212059 is due to expire); this would include incinerator bottom ash.
- 15,000 tonnes per annum metals recovery.
- Increase in intake for composting from 25,000 tonnes per annum to 90,000 tonnes per annum.
- Hazardous landfill – 85,000 tonnes per annum.

The EMRWO was also informed that the prospective applicant had sought formal closure to the pre-application consultation process. The Board had however requested the pre-application consultation team to examine in more detail the planning and environmental authorisations for the permitted Carranstown and Poolbeg Energy from Waste facilities in respect of proposals and requirements for the recovery or disposal of bottom ash; to meet with representatives from the EPA and the EMRWO to discuss their perspective on strategic management of this waste

stream in Ireland and as to whether any relevant considerations arise in terms of the IED licences for the Poolbeg or Carranstown facilities.

As regards bottom ash, the Board noted that the prospective applicant in this pre-application consultation case favours disposal rather than recovery (and has no proposals for segregation).

The representatives from the EMRWO noted that they had previously spoken to representatives from the Board with respect to the proposed development.

Noting this, the Board's representatives said that a key area in relation to the need for the proposed development related to dealing with incinerator bottom ash. It was stated that the Board is seeking clarity in this area generally and as to whether there are any existing mechanisms in existence or being proposed for the potential recovery or reuse of this material. The Board noted for the record that it also recently had a meeting with representatives from the EPA in this regard.

With regard to regional plans, the Board enquired as to whether there are any specific references to the potential re-use of this waste stream at present or potentially in the future. The EMRWO replied that the relevant plan does refer to exploring alternative uses generally and does broadly support such an approach.

The Board asked if there are any policies at European level which are pertinent. The EMRWO noted that bottom ash has been used abroad with respect to building materials and as aggregate.

The representatives of the EMRWO noted that an end-of-waste status might have to be obtained with respect to such facilities; it added that such a process could potentially be lengthy and would involve a number of stakeholders. It also noted that there in the absence of either End of Waste status or technical standards there is no substantive opportunity for reuse of this material at present.

The Board's representatives asked the EMRWO if it had any opinion on the proposed use of bottom ash at Drehid (i.e. disposal). The EMRWO said that the viability of any proposed re-use of this material would be dependent on a variety of issues as outlined previously. The EMRWO said that a collective approach would be needed with respect to the development of this particular market. It added that there was no real certainty at present as to how or when the market would develop.

With regard to the Drehid facility, the EMRWO suggested that the prudent strategy might be to allow for future reappraisal with respect to the disposal of bottom ash should re-use in Ireland become a viable option. It acknowledged that there would be a cost-benefit factor for operators of such facilities to consider. In a general context, it noted that alternative uses and approaches with regard to waste are coming on stream as time progresses.

The EMRWO noted that there are still a number of waste streams, including bottom ash, which for a variety of reasons currently do not have any alternative uses in Ireland other than export or landfill.

The Board's representatives said that any application consequent to this pre-application consultation process would have to be very clear with regard to volumes of waste and the categories of same which are included in a planning application. The EMRWO agreed with this

**Conclusion:**

It was agreed that a copy of the record would be forwarded to the EMRWO. The record will be made available to the prospective applicant and will be on the public record when the pre-application consultation case is formally concluded. The EMRWO also agreed to forward on information relating to bottom ash.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 a.m.

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**Philip Green****Assistant Director of Planning**