



Appendix 8.1: TII Criteria

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APPENDIX 8.1

**CRITERIA FOR RATING SITE ATTRIBUTES – ESTIMATION OF IMPORTANCE
OF HYDROLOGY ATTRIBUTES**

NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY (NRA, 2009)

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Table 1 Criteria for rating Site Attributes - Estimation of Importance of Hydrology Attributes (NRA)

Importance	Criteria	Typical Examples
Extremely High	Attribute has a high quality or value on an international scale	River, wetland or surface water body ecosystem protected by EU legislation e.g. 'European sites' designated under the Habitats Regulations or 'Salmonid waters' designated pursuant to the European Communities (Quality of Salmonid Waters) Regulations, 1988.
Very High	Attribute has a high quality or value on a regional or national scale	<p>River, wetland or surface water body ecosystem protected by national legislation – NHA status</p> <p>Regionally important potable water source supplying >2500 homes</p> <p>Quality Class A (Biotic Index Q4, Q5)</p> <p>Flood plain protecting more than 50 residential or commercial properties from flooding</p> <p>Nationally important amenity site for wide range of leisure activities</p>
High	Attribute has a high quality or value on a local scale	<p>Salmon fishery</p> <p>Locally important potable water source supplying >1000 homes</p> <p>Quality Class B (Biotic Index Q3-4)</p> <p>Flood plain protecting between 5 and 50 residential or commercial properties from flooding</p> <p>Locally important amenity site for wide range of leisure activities</p>
Medium	Attribute has a medium quality or value on a local scale	<p>Coarse fishery</p> <p>Local potable water source supplying >50 homes Quality Class C (Biotic Index Q3, Q2- 3)</p> <p>Flood plain protecting between 1 and 5 residential or commercial properties from flooding</p>
Low	Attribute has a low quality or value on a local scale	<p>Locally important amenity site for small range of leisure activities</p> <p>Local potable water source supplying <50 homes Quality Class D (Biotic Index Q2, Q1)</p> <p>Flood plain protecting 1 residential or commercial property from flooding</p> <p>Amenity site used by small numbers of local people</p>



Appendix 9.1: Ambient Air Quality Standards

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APPENDIX 9.1 – AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

National standards for ambient air pollutants in Ireland have generally ensued from Council Directives enacted in the EU (& previously the EC & EEC) (see Table 9.1). The initial interest in ambient air pollution legislation in the EU dates from the early 1980s and was in response to the most serious pollutant problems at that time. In response to the problem of acid rain, sulphur dioxide, and later nitrogen dioxide, were both the focus of EU legislation. Linked to the acid rain problem was urban smog associated with fuel burning for space heating purposes. Also apparent at this time were the problems caused by leaded petrol and EU legislation was introduced to deal with this problem in the early 1980s.

In recent years the EU has focused on defining a basis strategy across the EU in relation to ambient air quality. In 1996, a Framework Directive, Council Directive 96/62/EC, on ambient air quality assessment and management was enacted. The aims of the Directive are fourfold. Firstly, the Directive's aim is to establish objectives for ambient air quality designed to avoid harmful effects to health. Secondly, the Directive aims to assess ambient air quality on the basis of common methods and criteria throughout the EU. Additionally, it is aimed to make information on air quality available to the public via alert thresholds and fourthly, it aims to maintain air quality where it is good and improve it in other cases.

As part of these measures to improve air quality, the European Commission has adopted proposals for daughter legislation under Directive 96/62/EC. The first of these directives to be enacted, Council Directive 1999/30/EC, has been passed into Irish Law as S.I. No 271 of 2002 (Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002), and has set limit values which came into operation on 17th June 2002. Council Directive 1999/30/EC, as relating to limit values for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, lead and particulate matter. The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002 detail margins of tolerance, which are trigger levels for certain types of action in the period leading to the attainment date. The margin of tolerance varies from 60% for lead, to 30% for 24-hour limit value for PM₁₀, 40% for the hourly and annual limit value for NO₂ and 26% for hourly SO₂ limit values. The margin of tolerance commenced from June 2002. It started to reduce from 1 January 2003, continuing every 12 months thereafter by equal annual percentages to reach 0% by the respective attainment date for each pollutant. A second daughter directive, EU Council Directive 2000/69/EC, limit values for both carbon monoxide and benzene in ambient air is also included in the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002. This has also been passed into Irish Law under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002.

The most recent EU Council Directive on ambient air quality was published on the 11/06/08. Council Directive 2008/50/EC combines the previous Air Quality Framework Directive and its subsequent daughter directives. This has also been passed into Irish Law under the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (S.I. 180 of 2011) (see Table 9.1). Provisions were also made for the inclusion of new ambient limit values relating to PM_{2.5}. The margin of tolerance specific to each pollutant were also slightly adjusted from previous directives. In regards to existing ambient air quality standards, it is not proposed to modify the standards but to strengthen existing provisions to ensure that non-compliances are removed. In addition,

new ambient standards for PM_{2.5} are included in Directive 2008/50/EC. The approach for PM_{2.5} is to establish a target value of 25 µg/m³, as an annual average (to be attained everywhere by 2010) and a limit value of 25 µg/m³, as an annual average (to be attained everywhere by 2012), coupled with a target to reduce human exposure generally to PM_{2.5} between 2010 and 2020. This exposure reduction target will range from 0% (for PM_{2.5} concentrations of less than 8.5 µg/m³ to 20% of the average exposure indicator (AEI) for concentrations of between 18 - 22 µg/m³. Where the AEI is currently greater than 22 µg/m³ all appropriate measures should be employed to reduce this level to 18 µg/m³ by 2020. The AEI is based on measurements taken in urban background locations averaged over a three year period from 2008-2010 and again from 2018-2020. Additionally, an exposure concentration obligation of 20 µg/m³ has been set which was to be complied with by 2012 again based on the AEI.

Although the EU Air Quality Limit Values are the basis of legislation, other thresholds outlined by the EU Directives are used which are triggers for particular actions. The Alert Threshold is defined in Council Directive 96/62/EC as “a level beyond which there is a risk to human health from brief exposure and at which immediate steps shall be taken as laid down in Directive 96/62/EC”. These steps include undertaking to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to inform the public (e.g. by means of radio, television and the press).

The Margin of Tolerance is defined in Council Directive 96/62/EC as a concentration which is higher than the limit value when legislation comes into force. It decreases to meet the limit value by the attainment date. The Upper Assessment Threshold is defined in Council Directive 96/62/EC as a concentration above which high quality measurement is mandatory. Data from measurement may be supplemented by information from other sources, including air quality modelling.

Under the terms of EU Framework Directive on Ambient Air Quality (96/62/EC), geographical areas within member states have been classified in terms of zones. The zones have been defined in order to meet the criteria for air quality monitoring, assessment and management as described in the Framework Directive and Daughter Directives. Zone A is defined as Dublin and its environs, Zone B is defined as Cork City, Zone C is defined as 21 urban areas with a population greater than 15,000 and Zone D is defined as the remainder of the country. The Zones were defined based on among other factors, population and existing ambient air quality.

EU Council Directive 96/62/EC on ambient air quality and assessment has been adopted into Irish Legislation (S.I. No. 33 of 1999). The act has designated the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the competent authority responsible for the implementation of the Directive and for assessing ambient air quality in the State. Other commonly referenced ambient air quality standards include the World Health Organisation^(A1). The WHO guidelines differ from air quality standards in that they are primarily set to protect public health from the effects of air pollution. Air quality standards, however, are air quality guidelines recommended by governments, for which additional factors, such as socio-economic factors, may be considered.

(A1) World Health Organisation (2006) Air Quality Guidelines - Global Update 2005 (and previous Air Quality Guideline Reports 1999 & 2000)

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Appendix 11.1 – 11.5: Noise Chapter Appendices

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Appendix 11.1 Glossary of Noise and Vibration Terminology

Ambient noise	The totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time, usually composed of sound from many sources, near and far.
Background noise	The steady existing noise level present without contribution from any intermittent sources. The A-weighted sound pressure level of the residual noise at the assessment position that is exceeded for 90 per cent of a given time interval, T (L _{AF90,T}).
dB	Decibel - The scale in which sound pressure level is expressed. It is defined as 20 times the logarithm of the ratio between the RMS pressure of the sound field and the reference pressure of 20 micro-pascals (20 µPa).
dB(A)	An 'A-weighted decibel' - a measure of the overall noise level of sound across the audible frequency range (20 Hz – 20 kHz) with A-frequency weighting (i.e. 'A'-weighting) to compensate for the varying sensitivity of the human ear to sound at different frequencies.
Hertz (Hz)	The unit of sound frequency in cycles per second.
sound power level	The logarithmic measure of sound power in comparison to a referenced sound intensity level of one picowatt (1pW) where: $L_w = 10 \log \frac{P}{P_0} \text{ dB}$ Where: p is the rms value of sound power in Watts; and P ₀ is 1 pW.
sound pressure level	The sound pressure level at a point is defined as: $L_p = 20 \log \frac{P}{P_0} \text{ dB}$ Where: p is the rms value of sound power in Pascals; and P ₀ is 2x10 ⁻⁵ Pa.
L _{Aeq,T}	This is the equivalent continuous sound level. It is a type of average and is used to describe a fluctuating noise in terms of a single noise level over the sample period (T). The closer the L _{Aeq} value is to either the L _{AF10} or L _{AF90} value indicates the relative impact of the intermittent sources and their contribution. The relative spread between the values determines the impact of intermittent sources such as traffic on the background.
L _{AFN}	The A-weighted noise level exceeded for N% of the sampling interval. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.
L _{AF90}	Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the lower 90 percentile of the sampling interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. It will therefore exclude the intermittent features of traffic and is used to estimate a background level. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.

L _{AF10}	Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the upper 10 percentile of the sampling interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. It is typically representative of traffic noise levels. Measured using the "Fast" time weighting.
L _{AFmax}	is the instantaneous fast time weighted maximum sound level measured during the sample period.
L _{AFmin}	is the instantaneous fast time weighted minimum sound level measured during the sample period.

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Appendix 11.2 Noise Modelling Software

Noise Model

A 3D computer-based prediction model has been prepared in order to quantify the noise level associated with the proposed building. This section discusses the methodology behind the noise modelling process.

DGMR iNoise

Proprietary noise calculation software has been used for the purposes of this modelling exercise. The selected software, DGMR iNoise, calculates noise levels in accordance with *ISO 9613: Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors, Part 2: General method of calculation, 1996*.

DGMR iNoise is a proprietary noise calculation package for computing noise levels in the vicinity of noise sources. iNoise calculates noise levels in different ways depending on the selected prediction standard. In general, however, the resultant noise level is calculated taking into account a range of factors affecting the propagation of sound, including:

- the magnitude of the noise source in terms of A weighted sound power levels (LWA);
- the distance between the source and receiver;
- the presence of obstacles such as screens or barriers in the propagation path;
- the presence of reflecting surfaces;
- the hardness of the ground between the source and receiver;
- Attenuation due to atmospheric absorption; and
- Meteorological effects such as wind gradient, temperature gradient and humidity (these have significant impact at distances greater than approximately 400m).

Brief Description of ISO9613-2: 1996

ISO9613-2:1996 calculates the noise level based on each of the factors discussed previously. However, the effect of meteorological conditions is significantly simplified by calculating the average downwind sound pressure level, $L_{AT}(DW)$, for the following conditions:

- wind direction at an angle of $\pm 45^\circ$ to the direction connecting the centre of the dominant sound source and the centre of the specified receiver region with the wind blowing from source to receiver, and;
- wind speed between approximately 1ms^{-1} and 5ms^{-1} , measured at a height of 3m to 11m above the ground.

The equations and calculations also hold for average propagation under a well-developed moderate ground based temperature inversion, such as commonly occurs on clear calm nights.

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The basic formula for calculating $L_{AT}(DW)$ from any point source at any receiver location is given by:

$$L_{fT}(DW) = L_W + D_c - A \quad \text{Eqn. A}$$

Where:

$L_{fT}(DW)$ is an octave band centre frequency component of $L_{AT}(DW)$ in dB relative to $2 \times 10^{-5} \text{Pa}$;

L_W is the octave band sound power of the point source;

D_c is the directivity correction for the point source;

A is the octave band attenuation that occurs during propagation, namely attenuation due to geometric divergence, atmospheric absorption, ground effect, barriers and miscellaneous other effects.

The estimated accuracy associated with this methodology is shown in Table A2-1 below:

Height, h^*	Distance, d^\dagger	
	$0 < d < 100\text{m}$	$100\text{m} < d < 1,000\text{m}$
$0 < h < 5\text{m}$	$\pm 3\text{dB}$	$\pm 3\text{dB}$
$5\text{m} < h < 30\text{m}$	$\pm 1\text{dB}$	$\pm 3\text{dB}$

Table A2-1 Estimated Accuracy for Broadband Noise of $L_{AT}(DW)$

* h is the mean height of the source and receiver. $^\dagger d$ is the mean distance between the source and receiver.

N.B. These estimates have been made from situations where there are no effects due to reflections or attenuation due to screening.

Other Modelling Calculation Parameters

A ground attenuation factor of 1.0 has been assumed beyond the site boundary, i.e. soft ground. No metrological corrections were assumed for the calculations. The atmospheric attenuation outlined in Table A3-2 has been assumed for all calculations.

Temp ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	% Humidity	Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz)							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
10	70	0.12	0.41	1.04	1.92	3.66	9.70	33.06	118.4

Table A2-2 Atmospheric Attenuation Assumed for Noise Calculations (dB per km)

Foliage regions within the Castletown House grounds have been modelled as 18 m in height, as advised by TPA.

Input Data and Assumptions

The noise model has been constructed using data from various source as follows:

<i>Site Layout</i>	The general site layout has been obtained from the drawings forwarded by the project architects.
<i>Local Area</i>	The location of noise sensitive locations has been obtained from a combination of site drawings provided by the project architects and others obtained from Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI).
<i>Heights</i>	The heights of buildings on site have been obtained from site drawings forwarded by the projects. Off-site buildings have been assumed to be 8m high with the exception of industrial buildings where a default height of 15m has been assumed.
<i>Contours</i>	Site ground contours/heights have been obtained from site drawings forwarded by the project architects.

Appendix 11.3 Noise Modelling Parameters

Energy Centre

The sound power levels for the gas-fired generators are presented in Table A3-1, based on information from a reference design supplied by the design team.

Item	Sound Power Level, L _{WA} (dB) at Octave-band Centre Frequency, (Hz)									dB(A)
	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
Booster Skid	43.6	69.6	85.1	86.6	90.9	95.1	94.3	88.1	78.1	99.4
Control Room	54.9	63.6	71.4	60.2	70.5	73.5	72.8	70	60.2	79.1
Turbine Ventilation	69.7	77.1	83.7	81.6	76.7	76.8	78.1	72.5	68.5	87.9
GLO 50 Hz	67.5	78.1	88.9	91.8	90.1	91.4	86.7	79.7	72.2	97.3
Aux 50 Hz	66.8	80.1	88.9	87.2	87.5	85	83.6	77.7	65.7	94.1
Fan Motor	66.6	77.1	87.3	88.1	91.3	92.4	90.6	82.3	70.8	97.5
Turbine 50 Hz	73.6	89.3	94.6	93.5	91.2	92.3	92.6	86.9	79.8	100.6
Air Filter OK	67.3	81.4	94.9	83.5	80.7	80.6	80.7	65.4	58.9	95.8
Coupling	58.6	73.1	87.2	74.3	79.6	85	83.3	84	81.1	92
GEN 50hz	70.9	82.6	97.2	88.7	85.3	91.5	97.5	81.9	72.8	101.4
Tempering Fan Entry	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	80
Tempering Air Fan Type B ^A	60	75	85	80	79	76	71	65	88	60
Exhaust Elbow 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.5
Exhaust Elbow 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	95
Exhaust Stage 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	96
Exhaust Stage 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	96
Exhaust Stage 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	90
Stack	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84

Table A3-1 Summary of Noise Data for Noise Model supplied by generator manufacturer.

Note A A nominal 20 dB reduction is included in the figures presented to account for the enclosure of the tempering fan motor.

The barrier around the energy compound is assumed to be 14 m high and have the following acoustic performance:

Item	Sound Reduction Index, dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz.							
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Energy Centre Louvre	9	15	20	25	39	48	50	50

Table A3-2 Barrier Sound Reduction for energy centre.

Data Centres

The sound power levels for the data centre buildings are presented in Table A3-2, based on information from a reference design supplied by the design team.

Source	L _w (dB) per Octave Band (Hz)								L _w dB(A)
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
Extract Fans ^{Note A}	85	87	85	88	86	80	76	72	94

Source	L _w (dB) per Octave Band (Hz)								L _w dB(A)
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
DAHU ^{Note B}	90	102	92	82	75	71	61	62	89
Condensers	--	78	75	70	71	68	60	53	75
Admin AHU – Sides and Top	67	75	69	77	77	74	70	63	80
Admin AHU – Ends	63	71	65	73	73	79	66	59	77
Admin AHU – Exhaust	68	76	69	77	77	74	70	63	82
Split Condenser	64	66	65	68	63	60	58	57	69
VRF Condenser	83	85	84	87	82	79	77	76	88
Generator – Side	79	96	92	93	93	91	86	89	101
Generator -Front	80	88	83	85	85	89	86	88	95
Generator -Rear	83	97	91	81	70	71	78	91	99
Gen. – Roof (Solid)	79	96	92	92	93	91	85	89	101
Gen. Discharge	85	98	83	64	65	67	71	94	100
Generator -Exhaust Outlet	78	87	80	80	79	78	74	68	90
House Gen – Side	70	86	79	85	85	86	80	84	93
House Gen – Front	68	76	76	76	78	79	73	68	85
House Gen – Rear	74	84	67	59	58	56	57	66	85
House Gen – Roof (Solid)	56	70	67	66	67	67	62	63	75
House Gen – Roof – Discharge	61	74	58	39	41	42	47	70	75
Exhaust Outlet	68	77	70	70	69	69	64	58	80

Table A3-3 Noise Data for Data Centre Plant.

Note A In relation to the Extract Fans, it is assumed that the vertical orientation of fan output is gives a directivity pattern with a value of -4dB at 90 degrees, i.e. in the horizontal plane. In addition to this, the following reduction is assumed for night-time periods due to fans running at 90% load rather than full load. These values are based on in-situ measurements at a similar site:

Description	Sound Reduction, dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz.							
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
90% load	1	5	3	4	4	5	4	4

Note B Note that the DAHU louvres are assumed to be contained in spaces with a reverberation time of 1.0 seconds. It is assumed that the louvres at the north facades of the B building is an acoustic louvre as are the louvres on the west sides of the 'C' buildings. The following table summarises the assumed louvre performances.

Element	Sound Reduction Index, dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz.							
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
DAHU Louvre 'B' Buildings – North Facade	4	5	8	9	12	9	7	6
DAHU Louvre 'B' Buildings – South Facade	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
DAHU Louvre 'C' Buildings (Non-	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Element	Sound Reduction Index, dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz.							
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
generator sides)								
DAHU Louvre 'C' Buildings (Generator sides)	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3

Rinawade Substation

The following sound power level has been assumed for each transformer at the substation

Source	L _w (dB) per Octave Band (Hz)								L _w dB(A)
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
Transformer	43	63	77	72	64	60	40	36	79

Table A3-4 Noise Data for Substation

Appendix 11.4 Measured Baseline Noise Levels

Loc	Period	Time	dB L _{Aeq}	dB L _{A90}
A	Day	12:14 on 4 Nov 21	67	65
	Day	15:18 on 4 Nov 21	67	65
	Day	11:50 on 5 Nov 21	65	63
	Evening	21:25 on 5 Nov 21	59	56
	Night	22:40 on 5 Nov 21	57	54
	Night	23:28 on 5 Nov 21	56	50
B	Day	12:36 on 4 Nov 21	61	58
	Day	15:39 on 4 Nov 21	61	58
	Day	12:10 on 5 Nov 21	60	56
	Evening	21:52 on 5 Nov 21	51	48
	Night	23:02 on 5 Nov 21	50	46
	Night	23:50 on 5 Nov 21	49	46
C	Day	13:13 on 4 Nov 21	56	55
	Day	16:00 on 4 Nov 21	62	56
	Day	12:29 on 5 Nov 21	58	55
	Evening	22:28 on 5 Nov 21	47	46
	Night	23:36 on 4 Nov 21	47	44
	Night	00:42 on 5 Nov 21	48	46
D	Day	13:51 on 4 Nov 21	53	49
	Day	16:31 on 4 Nov 21	57	53
	Day	13:04 on 5 Nov 21	53	48
	Evening	22:51 on 5 Nov 21	38	28
	Night	01:14 on 5 Nov 21	30	27
	Night	23:59 on 5 Nov 21	38	26
E	Day	14:42 on 4 Nov 21	62	60
	Day	17:10 on 4 Nov 21	64	62
	Day	13:42 on 5 Nov 21	67	65
	Evening	22:01 on 5 Nov 21	56	51
	Night	23:17 on 5 Nov 21	55	44
	Night	00:23 on 6 Nov 21	55	45

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Appendix 11.5 Noise Contours

Figure A5-1: Noise Contours for Scenario A

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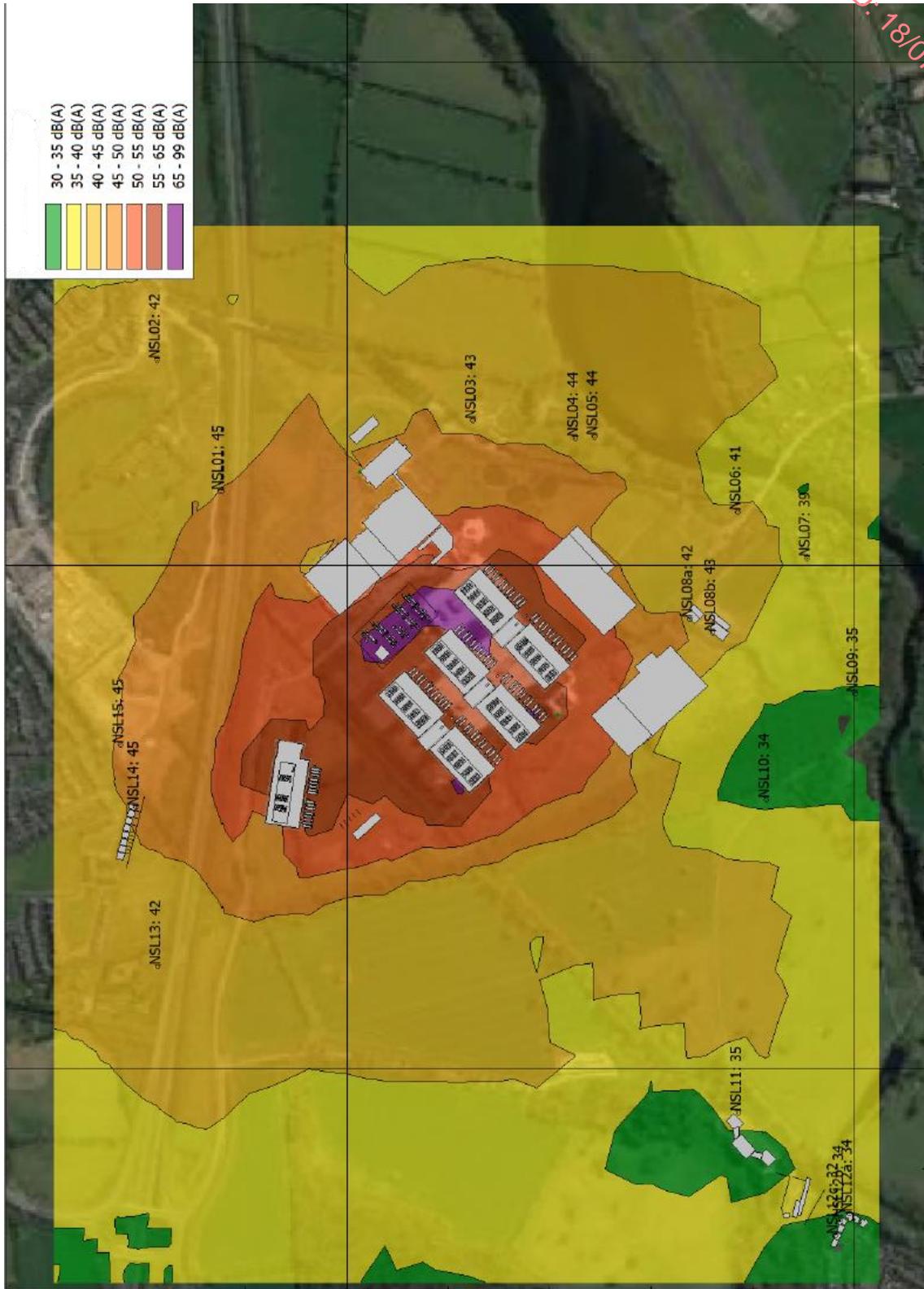


Figure A5-2: Noise Contours for Scenario B

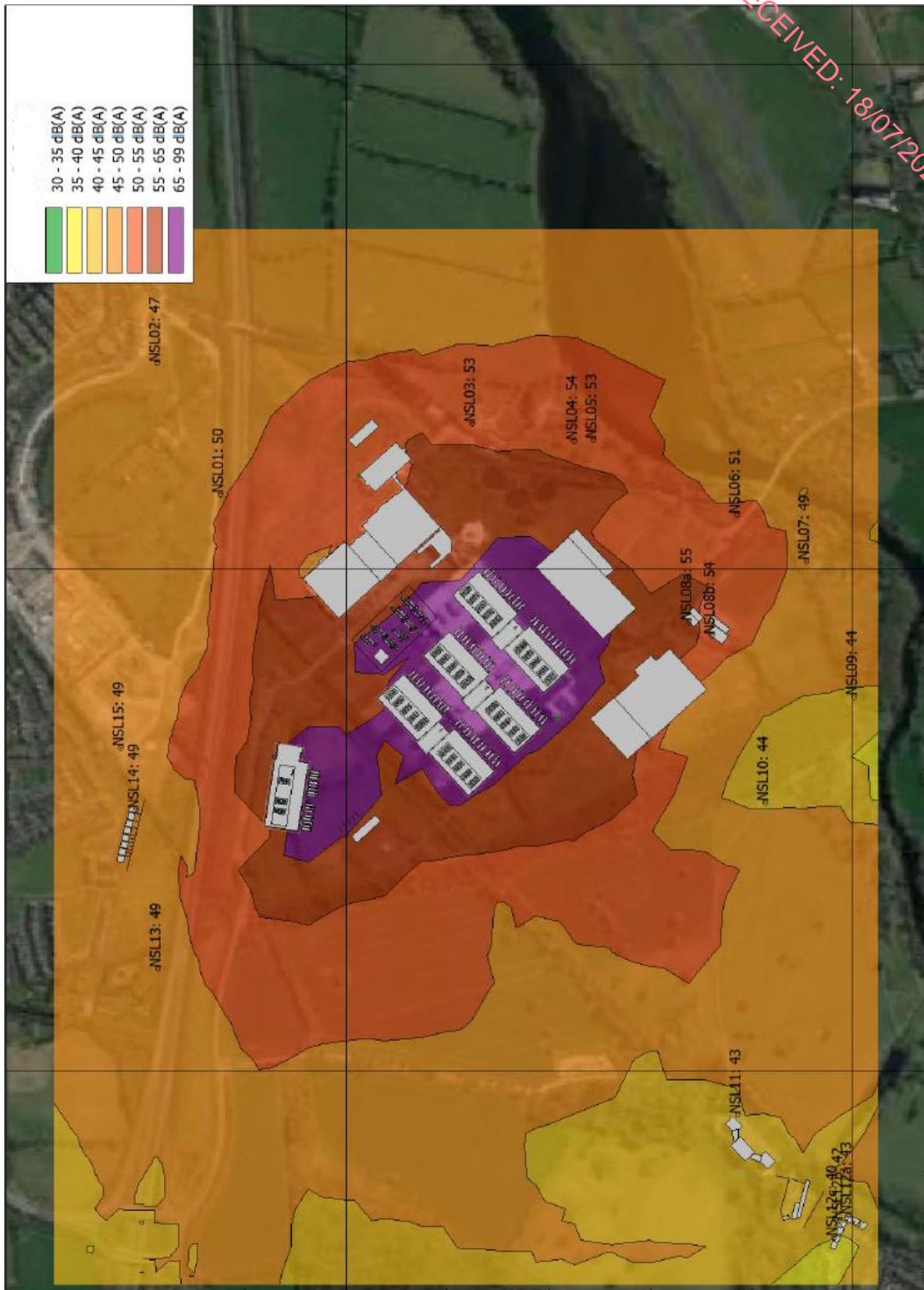
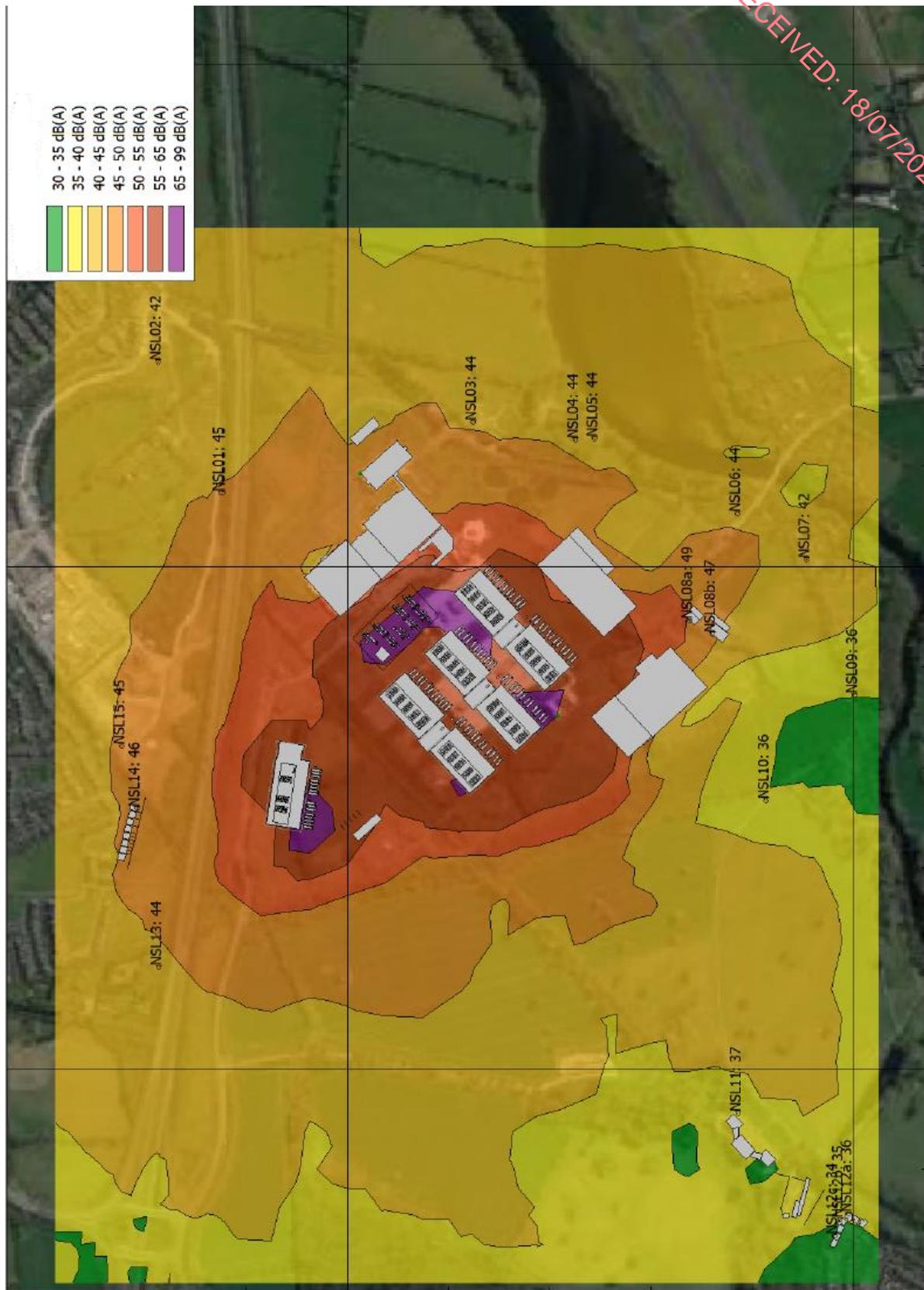


Figure A5-3: Noise Contours for Scenario C





Appendix 12.1: Resource & Waste Management Plan

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RESOURCE & WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

KILDARE INNOVATION CAMPUS

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development and implementation of a voluntary construction industry programme to meet the Government's objectives for the recovery of C&D waste.

In September 2022, the Irish Government published a policy document outlining a national action plan for Ireland to cover the period 2022-2030. This plan, 'A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy' (the AP2022), replaces the previous national waste management plan, "A Resource Opportunity" (2012), and was prepared in response to the 'European Green Deal' which sets a roadmap for a transition to an altered economical model, where climate and environmental challenges are turned into opportunities.

The AP2022 sets the direction for waste planning and management in Ireland to 2030. This reorientates policy from a focus on managing waste to a much greater focus on creating circular patterns of production and consumption. Other policy statements of a number of public bodies already acknowledged the circular economy as a national policy priority.

The policy document contains over 100 measures across various waste areas including circular economy, municipal waste, consumer protection and citizen engagement, plastics and packaging, construction and demolition, textiles, green public procurement and waste enforcement.

One of the first actions to be taken was the development of the whole Government Circular Economy Strategy (the Strategy) 'Living More, Using Less' to set a course for Ireland to transition across all sectors and at all levels of Government towards circularity and was issued in December 2022. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be updated in all every 18 months to 3 years.

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 was signed into law in July 2022. The Act underpins Ireland's shift from a "take-make-waste" linear model to a more sustainable pattern of production and consumption, that retains the value of resources in our economy for as long as possible and that will to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. The Act defines circular economy for the first time in Irish law, incentivises the use of recycled and reusable alternatives to waste, single-use disposable packaging, introduces a mandatory segregation and incentivised charging regime for commercial waste, streamlines the national processes for end-of-life waste and by-products decisions, tackling the delays which can be encountered by industry, and supporting the availability of recycled secondary raw materials in the Irish market, and tackles illegal fly-tipping and littering.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of Ireland issued 'Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource & Waste Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects' in December 2022. These guidelines replace the previous guidelines issued by the National Construction and Demolition Waste Council (NCDWC) and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) in 2018. The guidelines provide a practical approach which is informed by best practice in the prevention and management of construction and demolition wastes and resources from design to construction of a project, including consideration of the deconstruction of a project. These guidelines have been included in the preparation of this document and include the following elements:

the design process and material selections and will continue to be analysed and investigated throughout the design process and when selecting materials

The approaches presented are based on international principles of optimising resources and reducing waste on demolition and construction projects through

- Prevention
- Reuse
- Recycling
- Green Procurement Principles
- Off-Site Construction
- Materials Optimisation and
- Flexibility and Deconstruction

3.1 Designing For Prevention, Reuse and Recycling

Understand at the outset and during project feasibility and evaluation the client and design team considered

- Establishing the potential for any reusable site assets (buildings, structures, equipment, materials, soils, etc)
- The potential for refurbishment and re-fit existing structures or buildings rather than demolition and new build
- Assessing any existing buildings on the site that can be refurbished either in part or wholly to meet the client requirements and
- Enabling the optimum recovery of assets on site

3.2 Designing for Green Procurement

Waste prevention and minimisation requirements have been discussed and will be further discussed in this section. The design team will discuss proposed design solutions, encourage innovation in tenders and incentivise competitions to recognise sustainable approaches. They should also discuss options for carbon reduction with the main Contractor and subcontractors/suppliers using measures such as 'Just in Time' delivery and case ordering procedures that avoid excessive waste. The Green Procurement extends from the planning stage into the detailed design and tender stage and will be an ongoing part of the long-term design and selection process for this development.

3.3 Designing for Off-Site Construction

Use of off-site manufacturing has been shown to reduce residual wastes by up to 50% compared to traditional on-site construction. The decision to use off-site construction is typically cost led but there are significant benefits for resource management. Some further considerations for procurement which are being investigated as part of the planning stage design process are listed as follows:

- Modular buildings as these can displace the use of concrete and the resource losses associated with concrete blocks such as broken blocks, mortars, etc
 - Modular buildings are typically pre-cast with fixed plasterboard and installed insulation, eliminating these residual streams from site
- Use of pre-cast structural concrete panels which can reduce the residual volumes of concrete blocks, mortars, plasters, etc

- The use of prefabricated composite panels for walls and roofs to reduce residual volumes insulation and plasterboards
- Using precast hollow core slabs instead of in situ ready mix concrete or timber slabs to reduce the residual volumes of concrete formwork and scaffolding, respectively and
- Designing for the prefabricated composite modular units

3.4 Designing for Materials Optimisation During Construction

To ensure manufacturers and construction companies adopt lean production models, including maximising the reuse of materials on site as outlined in section 3.3, structures should be designed with the intent of designing out waste. This helps to reduce the environmental impacts associated with transportation of materials and from waste management activities. This includes investigating the use of standardised sizes for certain materials to help reduce the amount of offcuts produced on site, minimising on formation and development of site manufactory.

3.5 Designing for Flexibility and Deconstruction

Design flexibility has and will be investigated through the design process to ensure that where possible products including buildings only contain materials that can be recycled and are designed to be easily disassembled. Material efficiency is being considered for the duration and end of life of a building project to produce flexible, adaptable spaces that enable a resource efficient, low waste future change of use of materials and how they can be recovered effectively when maintenance and refurbishment are undertaken and during disassembly/deconstruction.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Location, Size and Scale of the Development

The subject site is located to the south of the M0 and to the west of the A1000 and the A1001 Bypass in Leiden, Cambridgeshire. The overall site extends to over 1000 ha and is mainly brownfield lands.

The site consists of a 100,000m² manufacturing facility for Hewlett Packard (HP). The land has since been further developed for a micro-manufacturing, office and warehouse site with a total area of 1,000,000m². It is proposed to demolish three of the existing site buildings and provide an additional 100,000m² of gross floor space across a number of buildings as a part of the new development.

The proposed development is described as follows:

- Demolition of existing Buildings No's 7, 8 and 9 (total gfa c. 84,838sqm).
- Existing Buildings No's 1 – will be retained for deep tech and innovation related uses (total gfa 1,000,000sqm)
- Construction of a number of deep tech buildings and a number of data centre buildings, all including ancillary office spaces. The deep tech buildings will have an overall maximum height of 10m and vary in size from 10,000sqm – 100,000sqm with a combined total gfa of 1,000,000sqm. The data centres will be 10m in height to Carat and 10m in height to top of plant screen. The data centres will vary in size from 10,000sqm – 100,000sqm with a combined total gfa of 1,000,000sqm.

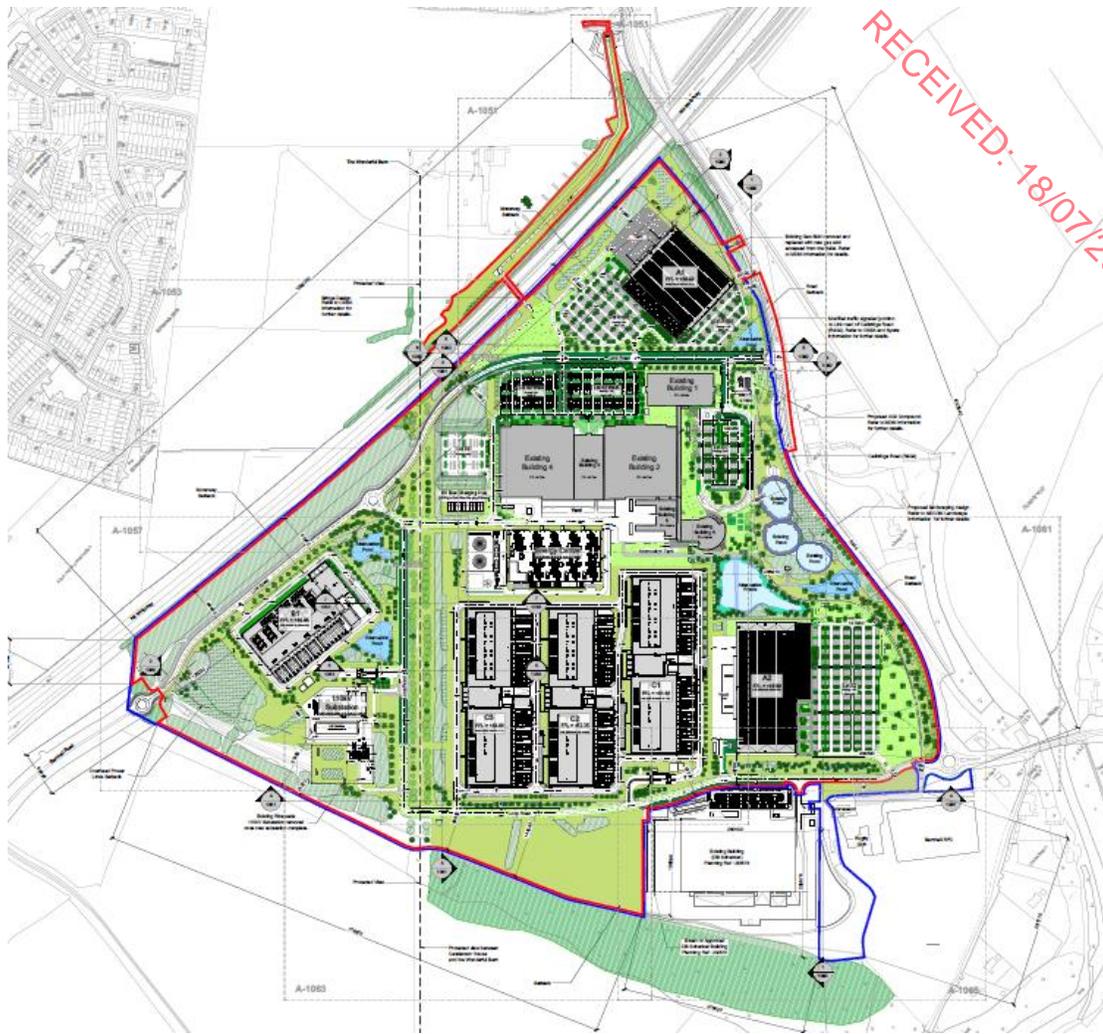


Figure 4.2 Proposed site layout plan

4.2 Details of the Non-Hazardous Wastes to be Produced

There will be waste materials generated from the demolition (Buildings No's 7, 8 and 9 and renovation (Building No's 1 to 6) the existing buildings and hardstanding areas on site to accommodate the new development. The volume of waste generated from demolition will be more difficult to separate than waste generated from the construction phase, as many of the building materials will be bonded together or integrated in plasterboard on timber ceiling joists, steel embedded in concrete, etc.

It is predicted by the project development engineers, Clifton Scannell Partners Associates, that approximately 10,000 m³ of the dirt material generated during site preparation, including approximately 10,000 m³ will be reused to facilitate construction of the proposed roads, car parks, buildings and landscaping berms. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 m³ will be exported off the site and disposed of in accordance with relevant requirements. All will be required to be imported to the site to accommodate the development.

The facilitating works from the gas meters Ireland and other services will include approximately 10,000 m³ of material excavated along the length of the line. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 m³ may be

Table 6.1 Typical waste types generated and codes individual waste types may contain hazardous substances

Waste Material	Low/EWC Code
Concrete, bricks, tiles, Ceramics	17 01 01, 17 01 02, 17 01 03
Glass, glass and plastic	17 01 04, 17 01 05
Treated wood, glass, plastic, containing hazardous substances	17 01 06, 17 01 07, 17 01 08
Bituminous mixtures, coal tar and tarred products	17 01 09, 17 01 10, 17 01 11
Metals including their alloys and cable	17 01 12, 17 01 13
Soil and stones	17 01 14, 17 01 15, 17 01 16
Polymers based construction material	17 01 17, 17 01 18, 17 01 19
Paper and cardboard	17 01 20, 17 01 21
Mixed wood waste	17 01 22, 17 01 23
Green waste	17 01 24, 17 01 25
Electrical and electronic components	17 01 26, 17 01 27, 17 01 28
Batteries and accumulators	17 01 29, 17 01 30, 17 01 31
Acid oils	17 01 32, 17 01 33
Chemicals solvents, pesticides, paints, adhesives, detergents etc	17 01 34, 17 01 35, 17 01 36, 17 01 37, 17 01 38
Insulation materials	17 01 39, 17 01 40
Organic solid waste	17 01 41, 17 01 42
Mixed Municipal waste	17 01 43, 17 01 44

* Individual waste type may contain hazardous substances

6.3 Demolition Waste Generation

There will be waste materials generated from the demolition (Buildings No's 7, 8 and 9 and renovation (Building No's 1) of the existing buildings and hardstanding areas on site to accommodate the new development and facilitate the demolition areas are identified in the planning drawings provided with the planning application. The anticipated demolition waste and rates of reuse, recycling/recovery and disposal are shown in table 6.2 below.

Table 6.2 Estimated site reuse, recycle and disposal rates for demolition waste

Waste Type	Tonnes	Reuse		Recycle / Recovery		Disposal	
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes
Glass	10000	0	0	0	10000	0	0
Concrete, bricks, tiles, Ceramics	100000	0	10000	0	10000	0	10000
Plasterboard	10000	0	0	0	10000	0	10000
Asphalts	10000	0	0	0	10000	0	10000
Metals	10000	0	10000	0	10000	0	10000
Slate	1000	0	0	0	1000	0	1000
Timber	10000	0	10000	0	10000	0	10000
Asbestos	1000	0	0	0	1000	0	1000
Total	23377.6		4383.1		15512.4		3482.1

6.4 Construction Waste Generation

Table 6.3 shows the breakdown in waste types recorded on a typical site based on data from the EPA National Waste Reports and the Joint EPA & GMIT study and other research reports

Table 6.3 Waste materials generated on a typical Irish construction site

Waste Types	%
Mixed	40
Timber	10
Plasterboard	10
Metals	5
Concrete	5
Other	10
Total	100

Table 6.4, below, shows the estimated construction waste generation for the proposed development and facilitation works based on the area construction and other information available to date, along with indicative targets for management of the waste streams. The estimated amounts for the main waste types with the exception of soils and stones are based on waste generation rate per m² these have been calculated from the scheduled development areas provided by the design team

Table 6.4 Predicted on and offsite reuse, recycle and disposal rates for construction waste

Waste Type	Tonnes	Reuse		Recycle / Recovery		Disposal	
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes
Mixed	1639.4	10	163.9	10	163.9	10	163.9
Timber	100.0	10	10.0	10	10.0	0	10.0
Plasterboard	100.0	10	10.0	10	10.0	10	10.0
Metals	50.0	0	0.0	10	5.0	0	5.0
Concrete	100.0	10	10.0	10	10.0	0	10.0
Other	100.0	10	10.0	10	10.0	10	10.0
Total	5998.4		1361.6		4072.9		563.8

In addition to the waste streams in Table 6.3, it is predicted that 100,000m³ of the cut material generated during site preparation (cellin) 100,000m³ will be reused to facilitate construction of the proposed roads, car parks, buildings and landscaping berms. It is estimated 100,000m³ will be exported offsite and disposed of in accordance with relevant requirements. All fill will be required to be imported to the site to accommodate the development.

The facilitation works from the 100,000m³ will include 100,000m³ of material excavated along the length of the line. It is estimated 100,000 may be reused, leaving 100,000m³ that will be removed offsite for appropriate reuse, recycling or disposal.

It should be noted that until final materials and detailed construction methodologies have been confirmed, it is difficult to predict with a high level of accuracy the construction waste

Site clean and inert soils, gravel, stones, etc, which cannot be reused on Site may be used as access roads or a filling material for landfill sites, etc. This material is often taken free of charge or at a reduced fee for such purposes, reducing final waste disposal costs.

7.2 Recycling

Salvageable metals will earn a rebate, which can be offset against the costs of collection and transportation of the sites.

Clean, uncontaminated cardboard and certain hard plastics can also be recycled. Waste contractors will charge considerably less to take segregated wastes, such as recyclable waste, from a site than mixed waste.

Timber can be recycled as chipboard. Again, waste contractors will charge considerably less to take segregated wastes, such as timber, from a site than mixed waste.

7.3 Disposal

Landfill charges are currently at around €130 - €150 per tonne which includes a €75 per tonne landfill levy specified in the *Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Regulations 2015*. In addition to disposal costs, waste contractors will also charge a collection fee for sites.

Collection of segregated waste usually costs less than municipal waste. Segregated waste contractors take the waste to a licensed or permitted facility and, where possible, remove salvageable items from the waste stream before disposal. The remainder to landfill - clean soil, rubble, etc, is also used as fill or a filling material, wherever possible.

8.0 DEMOLITION PROCEDURES

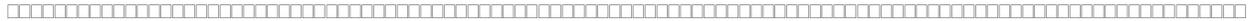
There will be waste materials generated from the demolition of buildings No's 7, 8 and 9 and renovation (Building No's 1) of the existing buildings and hardstanding areas on site to accommodate the new development. A formal demolition plan including safety procedures will be prepared by the demolition contractor. However, in general, the following sequence of work should be followed during the demolition stage.

Other or Hazards

Prior to commencing work, buildings and structures to be demolished will be checked for any likely hazards including asbestos, APMs, electrical power lines or cables, gas reticulation systems, telecommunications, unsafe structures and fire explosion hazards, environmentally sensitive areas, chemical hazards, oil, fuels and contamination.

Removal of Components

All hazardous materials will be removed first. All components from within the buildings that can be salvaged will be removed next. This will primarily be comprised of metal. However, may also include timbers, doors, windows, pipes and metal ducting, etc.



Demolition Activities

Steel roofs, gables, beams, etc., will be dismantled and taken away by a licensed contractor.

Excavation Services, Demolition Walls and Foundations

Services will be removed from the ground and the brickwork walls will be carried out once all salvageable or reusable materials have been taken from the buildings. Finally, any existing foundations and hard standing areas will be excavated.

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9.0 TRAINING PROVISIONS

A member of the demolition and construction teams will be appointed as the M to ensure commitment, operational efficiency and accountability in relation to waste management during the various phases of the development.

9.1 Resource Manager Training and Responsibilities

The nominated M will be given responsibility and authority to select a waste team if required, i.e. members of the site crew that will aid them in the organisation, operation and recording of the waste management system implemented on site.

The M will have overall responsibility to oversee, record and provide feedback to the client on everyday waste management at the site. Authority will be given to the M to delegate responsibility to subcontractors, where necessary, and to coordinate with suppliers, service providers and subcontractors to prioritise waste prevention and material salvage.

The M will be trained in how to set up and maintain a record keeping system, how to perform an audit and how to establish targets for waste management on site. The M will also be trained in the best methods for segregation and storage of recyclable materials, have information on the materials that can be reused on site and be knowledgeable in how to implement this MP.

9.2 Site Crew Training

Training on site crew in relation to waste is the responsibility of the M and, as such, a waste training program should be organised. A basic awareness course will be held for all site crew to outline the MP and to detail the segregation of waste materials at source. This may be incorporated with other site training needs such as general site induction, health and safety awareness and manual handling.

This basic course will describe the materials to be segregated, the storage methods and the location of the Waste Storage Areas (SAs). A sub-section on hazardous wastes will be incorporated into the training program and the particular dangers of each hazardous waste will be explained.

10.0 TRACKING AND TRACING / RECORD KEEPING

Records should be kept for all waste material which leaves the site, either for reuse on another site, recycling or disposal. A recording system will be put in place to record the waste arising on Site.



A waste transfer note should be used to track each waste movement from the site. On exit from the site, the waste collection vehicle driver should stop at the site office and sign out as a visitor and provide the security personnel or O&M with a waste receipt for waste transfer form to record hazardous waste on the waste load collected. At this time, the security personnel should complete and sign the waste transfer register with the following information:

- Date
- Time
- Waste contractor
- Company waste contractor appointed by, employer contractor or subcontractor name
- Collection Permit No.
- Vehicle No.
- Driver Name
- Receipt No.
- Waste type
- Weight
- Weight quantity

The waste vehicle will be checked by security personnel or the O&M to ensure it has the waste collection permit number displayed and a copy of the waste collection permit in the vehicle before they are allowed to remove the waste from the site.

The waste transfer documents will be transferred to the O&M on a weekly basis and can be placed in the waste transfer form file. This information will be recorded onto the waste collection unit when requested.

Alternatively, each subcontractor that has engaged their own waste contractor will be required to maintain a similar waste transfer note with the waste documents to be maintained on file and available for inspection on site by the main contractor as required. These subcontractor files will be merged with the main waste files.

Waste receipts from the receiving waste facility will also be obtained by the site contractors and retained. A copy of the waste collection Permits, O&M, waste facility Permits and waste licences will be maintained on site at all times and will be periodically checked by the O&M. Subcontractors who have engaged their own waste contractors, should provide the main contractor with a copy of the waste collection permits and O&M permit licence for the receiving waste facilities and maintain a copy on file, available for inspection on site as required.

11.0 OUTLINE WASTE AUDIT PROCEDURE

11.1 Responsibility for Waste Audit

The appointed O&M will be responsible for conducting a waste audit at the site during the project phase of the proposed development. Contact details for the nominated O&M will be provided to the O&M waste collection unit after the main contractor is appointed and prior to any material being removed from site.

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14.0 CONCLUSION

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Appendix 16.2: Landscape Designations

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