Glossary of Terms





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| Term, Abbreviation or Acronym | Meaning |
|-------------------------------|---|
| %HA | Percentage (of population) "Highly Annoyed" |
| %HSD | Percentage (of population) "Highly Sleep-Disturbed" |
| AA | Appropriate Assessment |
| AACH | Architectural, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage |
| AADT | Annual Average Daily Traffic |
| AAP | Area of Archaeological Potential |
| ABC | American Birds Conservancy |
| ABP | An Bord Pleanála |
| AC | Alternating Current |
| ACA | Architectural Conservation Area |
| ACM | Asbestos Containing Material |
| ADMS | Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System |
| AEP | Annual Exceedance Probability |
| AERMOD | Air Quality Dispersion Modelling System |
| АН | Archaeological Heritage |
| AHU | Air Handling Unit |
| AIMD | Active Implantable Medical Devices |
| ALAM | Ashtown Local Area Model |
| ALARP | As Low As Reasonably Practicable |
| ANS | Ambient Noise Sensor |
| AON | Apparently Occupied Nest |
| AQMP | Air Quality Management Plan |
| ASP | Auxiliary Supply Point |
| ATC | Automatic Traffic Count |
| ATP | Automatic Train Protection |
| ATW | Automatic Train Wash |
| AVI | Automatic Vehicle Inspection |
| AWB | Artificial Waterbody |
| AWP | Automatic Washing Plant |
| AZ | Assessment Zone |
| BAT | Best Available Techniques |
| BCT | Bat Conservation trust |
| BEMU | Battery-Electrical Multiple Unit |
| BER | Building Energy Rating |
| bgl | Below Ground Level |
| BH (site) | Structure of Architectural Significance |
| BLAM | Blanchardstown Local Area Model |
| BMS | Building Management System |
| BOCCI | Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland |
| BOD | Biochemical Oxygen Demand |





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|-------------------------------|--|
| BRT | Bus Rapid Transit |
| BSBI | Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland |
| BSI | British Standard Institution |
| BT | British Telecoms |
| вто | British Trust for Ornithology |
| BTS | Base Station |
| C&D | Construction and Demolition |
| СА | Conservation Area |
| CAF | Common Appraisal Framework |
| CAFE | Clean Air For Europe |
| Cant | Superelevation / cross fall of the rails |
| САР | Climate Action Plan |
| CAPEX | Capital expenditure |
| CARO | Climate Action Regional Office |
| CARP | Climate Action Regional Office |
| CAWS | Continuous Automatic Warning System |
| СВІ | Computer-Based Interlocking |
| CCE | Chief Civil Engineer |
| CCRP | City Centre Re-signalling Project |
| CCTV | Closed Circuit Television |
| CDP | City/County Development Plan |
| CDW | Construction and Demolition Waste |
| CDWMP | Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plan |
| CEA | Cumulative Effects Assessment |
| CEI | Compliance Engineering Ireland |
| CEMP | Construction Environmental Management Plan |
| CERC | Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants |
| CESMM | Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement |
| CFRAM | Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Mapping |
| СН | Cultural Heritage |
| CH ₄ | Methane |
| CIÉ | Córas Iompair Éireann |
| CIEEM | Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management |
| CIS | Customer Information Service |
| CME | Chief Mechanical Engineer |
| CMS | Cable Management System |
| CNT | Construction Noise Threshold |
| СО | Carbon Monoxide |
| CO ₂ | Carbon Dioxide |
| CO ₂ eq | Carbon Dioxide equivalent |
| COP22 | 22 nd Conference of the Parties (2016 United Nations Climate Change Conference) |
| COR | Certificate of Registration |





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| СРРА | Corporate Power Purchase Agreement |
| СРО | Compulsory Purchase Order |
| CRR | Commission for Railway Regulation |
| CRTN | Calculation of Road Traffic Noise |
| CSO | Central Statistics Office |
| СТС | Centralised Traffic Control |
| СТМР | Construction Traffic Management Plan |
| CWDP | Construction Waste Demolition Plan |
| CWR | Continuous Welded Rail |
| D&B | Design & Build |
| DANP | Dublin Airport North Portal |
| DART | Dublin Area Rapid Transit (IÉ's Electrified Network) |
| DASP | Dublin Airport South Portal |
| DAU | Development Applications Unit |
| dB | Decibels (unit, relative loudness of sounds) |
| DBC | Dublin Boulder Clay |
| DC | Direct Current |
| DCAA | Dublin City Archaeological Archive |
| DCC | Dublin City Council / Dublin City Centre |
| DCCAE | Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment |
| DCDP | Dublin City Development Plan |
| DCHG | Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht |
| DCIHR | Dublin City Industrial Heritage Record |
| DCU | Dublin City University |
| DECC | Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications |
| DEFRA | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK) |
| DEHLG | Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government |
| DFS | Direct Fastening System |
| DHLGH | Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage |
| DHPLG | Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government |
| DHW | Domestic Hot Water |
| DL | Demesne |
| DLRCC | Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council |
| DM | Do Minimum |
| DMRB | Design Manual for Roads and Bridges |
| DMU | Diesel Multiple Unit |
| DMURS | Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets |
| DN | Do Nothing |
| DNO | Distribution Network Operator |
| DOO | Driver Only Operation |
| Down track | The track carrying trains travelling away from Dublin |
| DP | Development Plan |





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| DPER | Department of Public Expenditure and Reform |
| DS | Do Something |
| DTTAS | Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport |
| DU | DART Underground |
| E-Field | Electric Field |
| EC | European Commission |
| ECoW | Ecological Clerk of Works |
| ED | Electoral Division |
| EEA | European Environment Agency |
| EFT | Emission Factor Toolkit |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| EIAR | Environmental Impact Assessment Report |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| ELF | Extremely Low Frequency |
| EM | Electromagnetic |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| EMDSB | Essential Main Distribution Switchboard |
| EMEP | European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme |
| EMF | Electromagnetic Fields (comprising Electric and Magnetic Fields) |
| EMI | Electromagnetic Interference |
| EMP | Environmental Management Plan |
| EMR | Electromagnetic Radiation / Eastern Midland Region |
| EMRA | Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly |
| EM RSES | Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy |
| EMU | Electric Multiple Unit |
| EOP | Environmental Operating Plan |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| EPBD | Energy Performance in Buildings Directive |
| EPD | Environmental Product Declaration |
| EPO | Emerging Preferred Option |
| ERM | Eastern Regional Model |
| ESB | Electricity Supply Board |
| ESBN | ESB Network |
| ESD | Effort Sharing Decision |
| ETCS L1 | European Train Control System Level 1 |
| ETS | Emission Trading Scheme |
| EU | European Union |
| EV | Electric Vehicle |
| EWC | European Waste Catalogue |
| EXEED | Excellence in Energy Efficiency Design (SEAI design certification) |
| FAT | Factory Acceptance Test |
| FCC | Fingal County Council |



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| FDP | Fingal Development Plan |
| FLU | Full Length Unit (10 car unit) |
| FRA | Flood Risk Assessment |
| FSC | Forest Steward Council |
| GAA | Gaelic Athletic Association |
| GAL | Geochemically Appropriate Levels |
| GDA | Greater Dublin Area |
| GEIA | Guidelines on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment |
| GES | Good Ecological Status |
| GGBFS | Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GHz | Gigahertz (unit, frequency) |
| GI | Geotechnical Investigations (Same as Site Investigations) |
| GigE | Gigabit Ethernet |
| GIS | Geographic Information System |
| GLVIA | Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment |
| GNI | Gas Networks Ireland |
| GP | General Purpose |
| GRC | Glassfiber Reinforced Concrete |
| GRP | Glass Reinforced Plastic |
| GSI | Geological Survey of Ireland |
| GSM | Global System for Mobile communications (originally from the French: Groupe Spécial Mobile) |
| GSM-R | As above, GSM – Railway |
| GSWR | Great Southern & Western Railway |
| GTC | Ground Transportation Centre |
| GUI | Graphical User Interface |
| GWB | Groundwater Body |
| GWDTE | Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems |
| GWP | Global Warming Potential |
| ha | Hectare |
| HABD | Hot Axle Box Detector |
| HDPE | High Density Polyethylene |
| HDV | Heavy Duty Vehicle |
| HGV | Heavy Goods Vehicle |
| HLU | Half Length Unit (5 car unit) |
| HP | Haase and Pratschke |
| hr | Hour |
| HSA | Health and Safety Authority |
| HSE | Health Service Executive |
| HV | High Voltage |
| HVAC | Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning |

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|------------------------------------|---|
| I-WeBS | Irish Wetland Bird Survey Site Inventory |
| IAMS | Infrastructure Asset Management System |
| IAS | Invasive Alien Species |
| IAQM | Institute of Air Quality Management (UK) |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| IBA | Important Bird Area |
| IBJ | Insulated Block Joints |
| ICNIRP | International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection |
| ICPSS | Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study |
| ICWWS | Irish Coastal Wave and Water Level Modelling Survey |
| IDOM | IDOM Consulting Engineers, Multi-Disciplinary Consultant |
| IÉ/IR | larnród Éireann/Irish Rail |
| IEMA | Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment |
| IFI | Inland Fisheries Ireland |
| IGI | Institute of Geologists of Ireland |
| IH | Industrial Heritage |
| IIP | Integrated Implementation Plan |
| Impact / Effect | A change resulting from the implementation of a project (defined by Guidelines on the information to be contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports) |
| INDC | Intended Nationally Determined Contributions |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |
| IPH | Institute of Public Health |
| IRCC | Irish Rail Control Centre |
| IRP | Incident Response Plan |
| ISO | International Standards Organisation |
| ITIC | Irish Tourist Industry Confederation |
| IW | Irish Water |
| IXL | Interlockings |
| JTC | Junction Turning Count |
| КСС | Kildare County Council |
| KCDP | Kildare County Development Plan |
| KER | Key Ecological Receptor |
| km | Kilometre (unit, length) |
| KPI | Key Performance Indicator |
| Kt CO2eq | Kiloton Carbon Dioxide Equivalent |
| kV | Kilovolt (unit, electric potential) |
| LA | Local Authority |
| L _{A10} | Sound level exceeded for 10% of sample period |
| L _{A90} | Sound level exceeded for 90% of sample period |
| LAeq,1 ₆ h _r | Daytime ambient noise level between 07:00hrs and 23:00hrs |
| L _{Aeq,T} | Equivalent continuous sound level |
| L _{AFmax} | Instantaneous maximum sound level measured during sample period |





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| LAmin | Instantaneous minimum sound level measured during sample period |
| LAM | Local Area Model |
| LAP | Local Area Plan |
| LAQM | Local Air Quality Management |
| L _{Ar,T} | A-weighted sound pressure level of an industrial noise |
| LAWCO | Local Authority Waters and Communities Office |
| LCA | Landscape Character Area |
| LCT | Landscape Character Type |
| L _{day} | A-weighted long-term average sound level over all day periods of a year |
| L _{den} | 24 hour noise rating level |
| Levening | A-weighted long-term average sound level over all evening periods of a year |
| LGV | Light Goods Vehicle |
| LIARI | Late Iron Age and Roman Ireland |
| LILO | Left In Left Out |
| LINACs | Linear Accelerators |
| LMA | Lands Made Available |
| Lnight | A-weighted long-term average sound level over all night periods of a year |
| LOC | Location Cabinet / Location Case |
| LOD | Limits of Deviation |
| LV | Low Voltage |
| μT | micro-Tesla (unit, magnetic field strength / magnetic flux density) |
| M-Field | Magnetic Field |
| m | Metre (unit, length) |
| MADs | Major Accidents and Disasters |
| MASP | Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan |
| MCA | Multi-Criteria Analysis |
| MCC | Meath County Council |
| MCD | Medium Combustion Directive |
| MCDP | Meath County Development Plan |
| MDB | Main Distribution Board |
| MDC | Multi-Disciplinary Consultant (i.e. IDOM) |
| MEP | Multiple Equipment Provisioning OR Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing |
| MGWR | Midlands Great Western Railway |
| MHLGH | Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage |
| min | Minute |
| MMP | Mobility Management Plan |
| MOS | Motorised Lineside Switches |
| MPLS-TP | Multiprotocol Label Switching – Transport Profile |
| MRFS | Mid-Range Future Scenario |
| MRI | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MSDC | Main Storage and Distribution Centre |
| Mt CO2eq | Megaton Carbon Dioxide Equivalent |





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| MV | Medium Voltage |
| MW | Megawatt (unit, power) |
| N2O | Nitrous Oxide |
| NAF | National Adaptation Framework |
| NAPSI | National Action Plan for Social Inclusion |
| NBAP | National Biodiversity Action Plan |
| NBDC | National Biodiversity Data Centre |
| NCM | National Cycle Manual |
| NDC | North Dublin Corporate |
| NDFM | National Demand Forecasting Model |
| NDP | National Development Plan (2018–2027) |
| NECD | National Emissions Ceiling Directive |
| NH ₃ | Ammonia |
| NHA | Natural Heritage Area |
| NI | Noise Insulation |
| NIAH | National Inventory of Architectural Heritage |
| NIFTI | National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland |
| NIS | Natura Impact Statement |
| NMI | National Museum of Ireland |
| NMR | Nuclear Magnetic Resonance |
| NMS | National Monuments Service |
| NMT | Noise Monitoring Terminals |
| NMU | Non-Motorised Users/Units |
| NMVOC | Non-Methane Volatile Organic Compounds |
| NO ₂ | Nitrogen Dioxide |
| NO _X | Nitrogen Oxide |
| NPF | National Planning Framework |
| NPWS | National Parks & Wildlife Service |
| NRA | National Roads Authority |
| NSL | Noise Sensitive Location |
| NSO | National Strategic Outcomes |
| NTA | National Transport Authority |
| NTCC | National Train Control Centre |
| nZEB | Nearly Zero Energy Building |
| O&M | Operation & Maintenance |
| ОВ | Overbridge |
| 000 | Operational Control Centre |
| OCR | Overhead Conductor Rail |
| OCS | Overhead Contact System |
| OD | Ordnance Datum |
| ODF | Optical Distribution Frame |
| ODMH | Ordnance Datum Malin Head |





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| OEOP | Outline Environmental Operating Plan |
| ОН | Overhead |
| OHLE | Overhead Line Equipment/Electrification |
| OPEX | Operating Expenses |
| OPW | Office of Public Works |
| OS | Ordnance Survey |
| OSD | Over Station Development |
| OSI | Ordnance Survey Ireland |
| OSR | Option Selection Report |
| P&S | Points & Switches |
| PA | Public Address |
| PAC | Pre-Application Consultation |
| PAHs | Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons |
| Pb | Lead |
| PC | Process Contribution / Public Consultation |
| PC1 | Public Consultation No.1 |
| PC2 | Public Consultation No.2 |
| PCBs | Polychlorinated Biphenyls |
| PCU | Passenger Car Unit |
| PEC | Predicted Environmental Concentration |
| PEFC | Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification |
| pFRA | Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment |
| PG | Practical Guidance |
| РНСС | Point Heating Control Cubicle |
| PICO | Post Installation Check-Out |
| PID | Passenger Information Display |
| PLUTO | Planning Land Use and Transport Outlook 2040 |
| PM | Particulate Matter |
| PM _{2.5} | Fine Particulate Matter (aerodynamic diameter < 2.5 microns) |
| PM ₁₀ | Particulate Matter (aerodynamic diameter < 10 microns) |
| pNHA | Proposed Natural Heritage Area |
| POSR | Preliminary Option Selection Report |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| PPS | Proposed Protected Structure |
| PPT | Phoenix Park Tunnel |
| PPV | Peak Particle Velocity |
| PRAI | Property Registration Authority of Ireland |
| PSCS | Project Supervisor Construction Stage |
| PSDP | Project Supervisor Design Process |
| PSP | Principal Supply Point |
| PT | Public Transport |
| PV | Photovoltaic |





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|-------------------------------|---|
| PW | Permanent Way |
| PWS | Public Well Sources |
| QBC | Quality Bus Corridor |
| RAM | Reliability, Availability and Maintainability |
| RBMP | River Basin Management Plan |
| RC | Reinforced Concrete |
| RCUG | Royal Canal Urban Greenway |
| REB | Relocatable Equipment Building |
| RED | Radio Equipment Directive |
| RER | Renewable Energy Ratio |
| RF | Radiofrequency |
| RMP | Record of Monuments and Places |
| RMSE | Root Mean Square Error |
| RO | Railway Order |
| ROD | Roughan & O'Donovan |
| RPA | Root Protection Area |
| RPG | Regional Planning Guidelines |
| RPS | Record of Protected Structures |
| RRV | Road Rail Vehicles |
| RS | Rolling Stock |
| RSA | Road Safety Authority |
| RSES | Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy |
| RTP | Rural Transport Programme |
| RVM | Railway Verge Mosaic |
| RVTM | Requirements Verification and Traceability Matrix |
| R _w | Weighted Sound Reduction Index |
| S4UL | Suitable for Use Level |
| SAC | Special Area of Conservation |
| SCADA | Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition |
| SDCC | South Dublin County Council |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goal |
| SDRA | Strategic Development and Regeneration Area |
| SDZ | Strategic Development Zone |
| SEAI | Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland |
| SEB | Signalling Equipment Building |
| SECP | Sediment and Erosion Control Plan |
| SEM | Scanning Electron Microscope / Site Environmental Manager |
| SER | Signalling Equipment Room |
| SET | Signalling, Electrical, Telecommunication |
| SFRA | Strategic Flood Risk Assessment |
| SHD | Strategic Housing Development |
| SIFLT | Strategic Investment Framework for Land Transport |





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|-------------------------------|---|
| SMCP | Stakeholder Management and Communication Plan |
| SMR | Sites and Monuments Record |
| SO ₂ | Sulphur Dioxide |
| SP | Security Purpose |
| SPA | Special Protection Area / Source Protection Area |
| SPL | Sound Pressure Level |
| SPMT | Self-Propelled Modular Transport |
| SRF | Soil Recovery Facilites |
| SRL | Single-Reflex Lens |
| SSFRA | Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment |
| SSSI | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| STI | Sound Transmission Index |
| SUDS | Sustainable Urban Drainage System |
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| SURGE | Dublin Soil Urban Geochemistry Project |
| T&C | Testing and Commissioning |
| Т | Tesla (unit, magnetic field strength / magnetic flux density) |
| ТВ | Townland Boundary |
| ТВМ | Tunnel Boring Machine |
| ТВТ | TributyItin |
| TCA | Townscape Character Assessment |
| TER | Telecommunication Equipment Room |
| TG | Technical Guidance |
| TIA | Traffic Impact Assessment |
| ТІІ | Transport Infrastructure Ireland |
| TIIS | Train Infrastructure Interface Specification |
| TMP | Traffic Management Plan / Transport Modelling Plan |
| TMS | Traffic Management System |
| TOD | Transit Oriented Development |
| TOR | Top of Rail |
| TPH | Track Paralleling Hut |
| TPHPD | Trains Per Hour Per Direction |
| ТРО | Tree Preservation Order |
| TPS | Train Protection System |
| TPSS | Traction Power Supply |
| TRH | Temporary Rehousing |
| TSAS | Trophic Status Assessment Scheme |
| TSM | Traffic Signs Manual |
| TSR | Temporary Speed Reduction |
| TSS | Train Service Specification |
| ТТА | Traffic and Transport Assessment |
| TTS | Train Technical Specification |





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| U/D | Up/Down |
| UIC | International Union of Railways (Union Internationale des Chemins de fer) |
| UKAS | United Kingdom Accreditation Service |
| UKHA | United Kingdom Highways Agency |
| UN/ISDR | United Nations/ International Strategy for Disaster Reduction |
| UNECE | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Program |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| Up track | The track carrying trains travelling towards Dublin |
| UPS | Uninterrupted Power Supply |
| USEPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| UWF | Underframe Wheel Lathe |
| V&V | Verification and Validation |
| V/m or kV/m | Volts per metre, or kiloVolts per metre (unit, electric field measurement) |
| V | Volt (unit, electric potential) |
| VDI | Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers) |
| VDV | Vibration Dose Value |
| VOC | Volatile Organic Compound |
| VOIP | Voice Over Internet Protocol |
| VRDP | Visual Representation of Development Proposals |
| W | Watt (unit, power) |
| WAC | Waste Acceptance Criteria |
| WFD | Water Framework Directive |
| WHO | World Health Organisation |
| WII | Wetland of International Importance |
| WMC | Waste Management Co-Ordinator |
| Yd | Yard (unit, length) |
| ZAP | Zone of Archaeological Potential |
| Zol | Zone of Influence |
| ZON | Zone of (Archaeological) Notification |