

# **CHAPTER 13:**

## **MATERIAL ASSETS – WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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## 13.0 MATERIAL ASSETS – WASTE MANAGEMENT

### 13.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter evaluates the likely impacts, if any, which the proposed development may have on Material Assets (related to waste management) as defined in the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Guidelines on the information to be contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports* (2022).

This chapter has also been prepared to address the issues associated with waste management during the construction and operational phases of the proposed development as described in Chapter 2.

A site-specific Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) has been prepared by AWN Consulting Ltd to deal with waste generation during the excavation and construction phases of the proposed Development and has been included as Appendix 13.1. The RWMP was prepared in accordance with the EPA document *Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects* (2021).

A separate Operational Waste Management Plan (OWMP) has been prepared for the operational phase of the proposed Development and is included as Appendix 13.2 of this Chapter.

The Chapter has been prepared in accordance with European Commissions Guidelines, *Guidance on the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report* (2017), the EPA *Guidelines on the Information to be contained in EIAR* (2022) and the EU Commission *Notice on changes and extensions to projects*, 2021.

These documents will ensure the management of wastes arising at the development site in accordance with legislative requirements and best practice standards.

### 13.2 METHODOLOGY

The assessment of the impacts of the proposed development, arising from the consumption of resources and the generation of waste materials, was carried out taking into account the methodology specified in relevant guidance documents, along with an extensive document review to assist in identifying current and future requirements for waste management; including national and regional waste policy, waste strategies, management plans, legislative requirements and relevant reports.

This Chapter is based on the proposed development, as described in Chapter 2 (Description of the Proposed Development) and considers the following aspects:

- Legislative context;
- Demolition phase;
- Construction phase (including site excavations); and
- Operational phase;

A desktop study was carried out which included the following:

- Review of applicable policy and legislation which creates the legal framework for resource and waste management in Ireland;

- Description of the typical waste materials that will be generated during the Construction and Operational phases; and
- Identification of mitigation measures to prevent waste generation and promote management of waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Estimates of waste generation during the construction and operational phases of the proposed development have been calculated and are included in section 13.4 of this chapter. The waste types and estimated quantities are based on published data by the EPA in the National Waste Reports and National Waste Statistics, data recorded from similar previous developments, Irish and US EPA waste generation research as well as other available research sources.

Mitigation measures are proposed to minimise the effect of the proposed development on the environment during the construction and operational phases, to promote efficient waste segregation and to reduce the quantity of waste requiring disposal. This information is presented in Section 13.6

A detailed review of the existing ground conditions on a regional, local and site-specific scale are presented in Chapter 5 of this EIAR (Land, Soils, Geology and Hydrogeology).

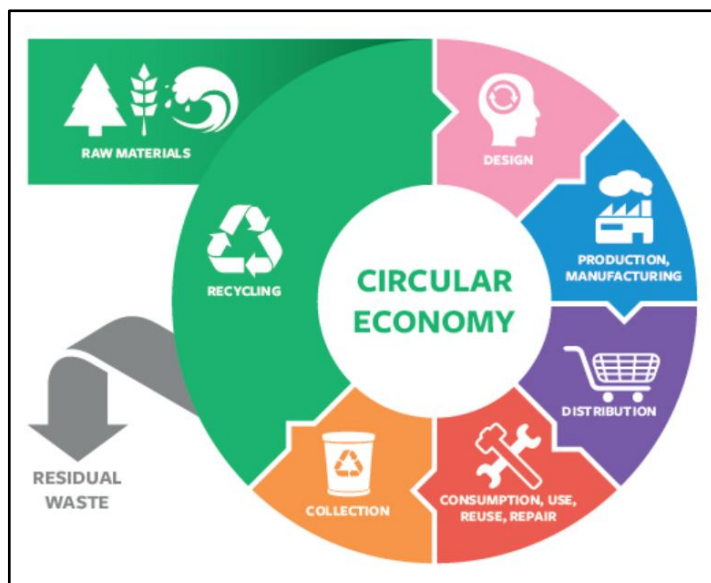
### 13.2.1 Legislation and Guidance

Waste management in Ireland is subject to EU, national and regional waste legislation and control, which defines how waste materials must be managed, transported and treated. The overarching EU legislation is the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) which is transposed into national legislation in Ireland. The cornerstone of Irish waste legislation is the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended). European and national waste management policy is based on the concept of ‘waste hierarchy’, which sets out an order of preference for managing waste (prevention > preparing for reuse > recycling > recovery > disposal) (Figure 13.1).



**Figure 13.1** Waste Hierarchy (Source: European Commission).

EU and Irish National waste policy also aims to contribute to the circular economy by extracting high-quality resources from waste as much as possible. Circular Economy (CE) is a sustainable alternative to the traditional linear (take-make-dispose) economic model, reducing waste to a minimum by reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products. (Figure 13.2).



**Figure 13.2** Circular Economy (Source: Repak).

The Irish government issues policy documents which outline measures to improve waste management practices in Ireland and help the country to achieve EU targets in respect of recycling and disposal of waste. The most recent policy document, Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy – Waste Management Policy in Ireland, was published in 2020 and shifts focus away from waste disposal and moves it back up the production chain. The move away from targeting national waste targets is due to the Irish and international waste context changing in the years since the launch of the previous waste management plan, A Resource Opportunity, in 2012.

One of the first actions to be taken from the WAPCE was the development of the Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022-2023 'Living More, using Less' (2021) to set a course for Ireland to transition across all sectors and at all levels of Government toward circularity and was issued in December 2021.

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 wasteful, single-use disposable packaging, introduces a mandatory segregation and incentivised charging regime for commercial waste, streamlines the national processes for End-of-Waste and By-Products decisions.

The strategy for the management of waste from the construction phase is in line with the requirements of the EPA's 'Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects' (2021). The guidance documents, Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of

Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects and Construction and Demolition Waste Management: A Handbook for Contractors and Site Managers (FÁS & Construction Industry Federation, 2002), were also consulted in the preparation of this assessment.

There are currently no Irish guidelines on the assessment of operational waste generation, and guidance is taken from industry guidelines, plans and reports including the Eastern-Midlands Region (EMR) Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021 the Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy (NWMPCE) (2023), BS 5906:2005 Waste Management in Buildings – Code of Practice, the Dublin City Council (DCC) Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018, the EPA National Waste Database Reports 1998 – 2020, the Circular Economy and National Waste Database Report 2021 (2023) and the EPA National Waste Statistics Web Resource.

### 13.2.2 Terminology

Note that the terminology used herein is consistent with the definitions set out in Article 3 of the Waste Framework Directive. Key terms are defined as follows:

**Waste** - Any substance or object which the holder discards or intends or is required to discard.

**Prevention** - Measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste, that reduce:

- a) the quantity of waste, including through the re-use of products or the extension of the life span of products;
- b) the adverse impacts of the generated waste on the environment and human health; or
- c) the content of harmful substances in materials and products.

**Reuse** - Any operation by which products or components that are not waste are used again for the same purpose for which they were conceived.

**Preparing for Reuse** - Checking, cleaning or repairing recovery operations, by which products or components of products that have become waste are prepared so that they can be re-used without any other pre-processing.

**Treatment** - Recovery or disposal operations, including preparation prior to recovery or disposal.

**Recovery** - Any operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the plant or in the wider economy. Annex II of the Waste Framework Directive sets out a non-exhaustive list of recovery operations.

**Recycling** - Any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. It includes the reprocessing of organic material but does not include energy recovery and the reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations.

**Disposal** - Any operation which is not recovery even where the operation has as a secondary consequence the reclamation of substances or energy. Annex I of the Waste Framework Directive sets out a non-exhaustive list of disposal operations..

### 13.2.3 Difficulties Encountered

Until final materials and detailed demolition and construction methodologies have been confirmed, it is difficult to predict with a high level of accuracy the construction waste that will be generated from the proposed works as the exact materials and quantities may be subject to some degree of change and variation during the construction process.

There is a number of licensed, permitted and registered waste facilities in the Dublin Area, EMR region and across Ireland and Northern Ireland. However, these sites may not be available for use when required or may be limited by the waste contractor selected to service the development in the appropriate phase. In addition, there is potential for more suitably placed waste facilities or recovery facilities to become operational in the future which may be more beneficial from an environmental perspective.

The ultimate selection of waste contractors and waste facilities would be subject to appropriate selection criteria proximity, competency, capacity and serviceability. The waste facilities selected will ultimately be selected to minimise the environmental impacts on the surrounding environment.

All mitigation measures as set out in this chapter and the attached RWMP will be complied with. The overall predicted impact of the proposed development when mitigation measures, local and national waste, requirements, guidance and legislation are followed will be **long-term, imperceptible** and **neutral**.

## 13.3 RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

In terms of waste management, the receiving environment is largely defined by DCC as the local authority responsible for setting and administering waste management activities in the area. This is governed by the requirements set out in the EMR Waste Management Plan 2015-2021, the draft NWMPCE and the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy – Waste Management Policy in Ireland.

The waste management plans set out the following targets for waste management in the region:

- Achieve a recycling rate of 55% of managed municipal waste by 2025; and
- Reduce to 0% the direct disposal of unprocessed residual municipal waste to landfill (from 2016 onwards) in favour of higher value pre-treatment processes and indigenous recovery practices.

The Plan sets out the strategic targets for waste management in the region and sets a specific target for C&D waste of “70% preparing for reuse, recycling and other recovery of construction and demolition waste” (excluding natural soils and stones and hazardous wastes) to be achieved by 2020.

The Regional Waste Management Planning Offices have issued a new Draft National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy (NWMPCE) in June 2023, which is set to replace the EMR and the two other regional waste management plans. The Draft

NWMPCE does not however dissolve the three regional waste areas. The NWCPCE sets the ambition of the plan to have a 0% total waste growth per person over the life of the Plan with an emphasis on non-household wastes including waste from commercial activities and the construction and demolition sector.

The Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (2022) set out the policies and objectives for the DCC area which reflect those sets out in the regional waste management plan.

In terms of physical waste infrastructure, DCC no longer operates any municipal waste landfill in the area. There are a number of waste permitted and licensed facilities located in the EMR Waste Region for management of waste from the construction industry as well as municipal sources. These include soil recovery facilities, inert C&D waste facilities, municipal waste landfills, material recovery facilities and waste transfer stations.

However, these sites may not be available for use when required or may be limited by the waste contractor selected to service the development in the appropriate phase. In addition, there is potential for more suitably placed waste facilities or recovery facilities to become operational in the future which may be more beneficial from an environmental perspective.

The ultimate selection of waste contractors and waste facilities would be subject to appropriate selection criteria proximity, competency, capacity and serviceability.

## **13.4 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The purpose of this section is to provide an overview of the key relevant details of the construction phase and operational phase of the Proposed Development particularly in areas where potential impacts to waste may occur. The information presented in this section is informed by the project design, but it is not a complete description of the Proposed Development. Therefore, it should be read in conjunction with the full development package. For a more comprehensive understanding of the Proposed Development, please refer to Chapter 2 of the EIA Report. Chapter 2 provides a detailed overview of the lifecycle of the project, including reference to the architectural and civil engineering, drawings, plans, reports, and other relevant document in order to define the proposed development.

The characteristics of the proposed development that are relevant in terms of waste management are summarised below.

### **13.4.1 Demolition Phase**

There will be waste materials generated from the demolition of the existing office building structure, hardstanding areas, existing basement and excavation of services on site to accommodate the new development and facilitation works.

Further detail on the waste materials likely to be generated during the demolition works are presented in the project-specific RWMP in Appendix 13.1. The RWMP provides an estimate of the main waste types likely to be generated during the C&D phase of the proposed Development. The reuse, recycling / recovery and disposal rates have been estimated using the EPA National Waste Reports and the developments targeted recycling and reuse rates. The quantities of waste material have been supplied by the project architects (Henry J Lyons) are summarised in Table 13.1.



**Table 13.1** *Estimated off-site reuse, recycle/recovery and disposal rates for demolition waste*

Waste Type	Tonnes	Reuse		Recycle / Recovery		Disposal	
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes
Glass	790.0	0	0.0	85	671.5	15	118.5
Concrete, Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics	5178.7	30	1553.6	65	3366.2	5	258.9
Plasterboard	351.1	0	0.0	80	280.9	20	70.2
Asphalts	87.8	0	0.0	25	21.9	75	65.8
Metals	1316.6	5	65.8	80	1053.3	15	197.5
Timber	1053.3	10	105.3	40	421.3	50	526.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8777.5</b>	<b>19.65</b>	<b>1724.8</b>	<b>66.25</b>	<b>5815.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>1237.6</b>

### 13.4.2 Construction Phase

During the construction phase, waste will be produced from surplus materials such as broken or off-cuts of timber, plasterboard, concrete, tiles, bricks, etc. There will be no demolition associated with this application.

Waste from packaging (cardboard, plastic, timber) and oversupply of materials may also be generated. The appointed Contractor will be contractually required to ensure that oversupply of materials is kept to a minimum and opportunities for reuse of suitable materials is maximised.

There will be soil, stones and clay to facilitate construction of new foundations, and the installation of underground services and the proposed basements. The project Quantity Surveyors (Linesight) have estimated c. 120,000m<sup>3</sup> of material will need to be excavated. It is currently envisaged that all the excavated material, will need to be removed offsite due to the limited opportunities for reuse on site. When material is to be removed offsite it will be taken for appropriate offsite reuse, recovery, recycling and/or disposal.

If any material that requires removal from the site is deemed to be a waste, removal and reuse / recycling / recovery / disposal of the material will be carried out in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended), the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and the Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations 2007 (as amended). The volume of waste requiring recovery / disposal will dictate whether a Certificate of Registration (COR), permit or licence is required for the receiving facility. Alternatively, the material may be classed as by-product under Regulation 27 (By-products), as amended, of S.I. No. 323/2020 - European Union (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011-2020, (Previously Article 27 of the European Communities (Waste Directive)). For more information in relation to the envisaged management of by-products, refer to the RWMP (Appendix 13.1).

In order to establish the appropriate reuse, recovery and / or disposal route for the soils and stones to be removed off-site, it will first need to be classified. Waste material will initially need to be classified as hazardous or non-hazardous in accordance with the EPA publication *Waste Classification – List of Waste & Determining if Waste is*

*Hazardous or Non-Hazardous* (2019). Environmental soil analysis will be carried out prior to removal of the material on a number of the soil samples in accordance with the requirements for acceptance of waste at landfills (Council Decision 2003/33/EC Waste Acceptance Criteria). This legislation sets limit values on landfills for acceptance of waste material based on properties of the waste, including potential pollutant concentrations and leachability. Any surplus excavated material will be suitable for acceptance at either inert or non-hazardous soil recovery facilities / landfills in Ireland or, in the event of hazardous material being encountered, be transported for treatment / recovery or exported abroad for disposal in suitable facilities.

Waste will also be generated from construction phase workers e.g. organic / food waste, dry mixed recyclables (waste paper, newspaper, plastic bottles, packaging, aluminium cans, tins and Tetra Pak cartons), mixed non-recyclables and, potentially, sewage sludge from temporary welfare facilities provided on-site during the Construction phase. Waste printer / toner cartridges, waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and waste batteries may also be generated in small volumes from site offices.

Further detail on the waste materials likely to be generated during the excavation and construction works are presented in the project-specific RWMP (Appendix 13.1). The RWMP provides an estimate of the main waste types likely to be generated during the Construction phase of the proposed development. These are summarised in Table 13.2.

**Table 13.2** Predicted on and off-site reuse, recycle and disposal rates for construction waste

Waste Type	Tonnes	Reuse		Recycle / Recovery		Disposal	
		%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes	%	Tonnes
Mixed C&D	790.0	0	0.0	85	671.5	15	118.5
Timber	5178.7	30	1553.6	65	3366.2	5	258.9
Plasterboard	351.1	0	0.0	80	280.9	20	70.2
Metals	87.8	0	0.0	25	21.9	75	65.8
Concrete	1316.6	5	65.8	80	1053.3	15	197.5
Other	1053.3	10	105.3	40	421.3	50	526.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8777.5</b>	<b>19.65</b>	<b>1724.8</b>	<b>66.25</b>	<b>5815.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>1237.6</b>

### 13.4.3 Operational Phase

As noted in Section 13.1, an OWMP has been prepared for the proposed development and is included as Appendix 13.2. The OWMP provides a strategy for segregation (at source), storage and collection of all wastes generated within the building during the operational phase including dry mixed recyclables (DMR), organic waste and mixed non-recyclable waste (MNR), cardboard, plastic as well as providing a strategy for management of waste glass, batteries, WEEE, printer / toner cartridges, chemicals, textiles, confidential paper, waste cooking oil and furniture.

The total estimated waste generation for the proposed development for the main waste types, based on the AWN waste generation model (WGM), is presented in Table 13.3, below, and is based on the uses and areas as advised by the Project Architects, along the EPA National Waste Database Reports 1998 – 2020, the Circular Economy and National Waste Database Report (2023) and the EPA National Waste Statistics Web Resource. Further unit breakdowns can be found in Appendix 13.2.

**Table 13.3** Estimated Waste Generation During Operational Phase

Waste Type	Waste Volume (m <sup>3</sup> / week)		
	Office Units (Combined)	Community / Arts Units (Combined)	Retail Unit
Organic Waste	13.34	0.27	0.19
Paper (Confidential)	9.33	-	-
Cardboard (Baled)	50.19	-	-
Plastic (Baled)	51.31	-	-
DMR	52.33	5.27	0.46
Glass	1.21	0.15	<0.01
MNR	61.75	2.20	0.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>239.46</b>	<b>7.89</b>	<b>1.25</b>

The tenants will be required to provide and maintain appropriate waste receptacles within their units to facilitate segregation at source of these waste types. The location of the bins within the office, community / arts and retail units will be at the discretion of the tenants. As required, the tenants will need to bring these segregated wastes from their units to their allocated Waste Storage Area (WSA). The WSA can be viewed on the plans submitted with the application under separate cover or in appendix 13.2.

The OWMP seeks to ensure that the proposed Development contributes to the targets outlined in the EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021, Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy – Waste Management Policy in Ireland and the DCC (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018.

### 13.5 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

This section details the potential waste effects associated with the proposed development. Site demolition and construction phases will have the same potential effects.

#### 13.5.1 Construction Phase

The proposed development will generate a range of non-hazardous and hazardous waste materials during site demolition, excavation and construction (see Appendix 13.1 for further detail). General housekeeping and packaging will also generate waste materials, as well as typical municipal wastes generated by construction employees, including food waste. Waste materials will be required to be temporarily stored in the construction site compound or adjacent to it, on-site pending collection by a waste contractor. If waste material is not managed and stored correctly, it is likely to lead to litter or pollution issues at the development site and in adjacent areas. The indirect effect of litter issues is the presence of vermin in areas affected. In the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, short-term, significant** and **negative**.

The use of non-permitted waste contractors or unauthorised waste facilities could give rise to inappropriate management of waste, resulting in indirect negative environmental impacts, including pollution. It is essential that all waste materials are dealt with in accordance with regional and national legislation, as outlined previously, and that time and resources are dedicated to ensuring efficient waste management practices. In the

absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, long-term, significant** and **negative**.

Wastes arising will need to be taken to suitably registered / permitted / licenced waste facilities for processing and segregation, reuse, recycling, recovery, and / or disposal, as appropriate. There are numerous licensed waste facilities in the EMR which can accept hazardous and non-hazardous waste materials, and acceptance of waste from the development site would be in line with daily activities at these facilities. At present, there is sufficient capacity for the acceptance of the likely C&D waste arisings at facilities in the region. The majority of construction materials are either recyclable or recoverable. However, in the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, short-term, significant** and **negative**.

There is a quantity of excavated material which will need to be excavated to facilitate the proposed Development. A detailed review of the existing ground conditions on a regional, local site-specific scale are presented in Chapter 5. It is anticipated that c. 120,000 m<sup>3</sup> of excavated material will need to be removed off-site. Correct classification and segregation of the excavated material is required to ensure that any potentially contaminated materials are identified and handled in a way that will not impact negatively on workers as well as on water and soil environments, both on and off-site. However, in the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, short-term, significant** and **negative**.

### 13.5.2 Operational Phase

The potential impacts on the environment of improper, or a lack of, waste management during the operational phase would be a diversion from the priorities of the waste hierarchy which would lead to small volumes of waste being sent unnecessarily to landfill. In the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, long-term, significant** and **negative**.

The nature of the development means the generation of waste materials during the operational phase is unavoidable. Networks of waste collection, treatment, recovery and disposal infrastructure are in place in the region to manage waste efficiently from this type of development. Waste which is not suitable for recycling can be sent for energy recovery. There are also facilities in the region for segregation of municipal recyclables which is typically exported for conversion in recycled products (e.g. paper mills and glass recycling).

If waste material is not managed and stored correctly, it is likely to lead to litter or pollution issues at the development site and in adjacent areas. The knock-on effect of litter issues is the presence of vermin in affected areas. However, in the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, short-term, significant** and **negative**.

Waste contractors will be required to service the proposed development on a scheduled basis to remove waste, further details can be found in Appendix 13.2. The use of non-permitted waste contractors or unauthorised facilities could give rise to inappropriate management of waste and result in negative environmental impacts or pollution. It is essential that all waste materials are dealt with in accordance with regional and national legislation, as outlined previously, and that time and resources are dedicated to ensuring efficient waste management practices. However, in the absence of mitigation, the effect on the local and regional environment is likely to be **indirect, long-term, significant** and **negative**.

## 13.6 MITIGATION MEASURES

This section outlines the measures that will be employed in order to reduce the amount of waste produced, manage the wastes generated responsibly and handle the waste in such a manner as to minimise the effects on the environment.

The concept of the 'waste hierarchy' is employed when considering all mitigation measures. The waste hierarchy states that the preferred option for waste management is prevention and minimisation of waste, followed by preparing for reuse and recycling / recovery, energy recovery (i.e. incineration) and, least favoured of all, disposal.

### 13.6.1 Construction Phase

The following mitigation measures will be implemented during the construction phase of the proposed development:

As previously stated, a project specific RWMP has been prepared in line with the requirements of the requirements of The EPA, *Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for Construction & Demolition Projects* (2021) and is included as Appendix 13.1. The mitigation measures outlined in the RWMP will be implemented in full and form part of mitigation strategy for the site. The mitigation measures presented in this RWMP will ensure effective waste management and minimisation, reuse, recycling, recovery and disposal of waste material generated during the excavation and construction phases of the proposed development.

- Prior to commencement, the appointed Contractor(s) will be required to refine / update the RWMP (Appendix 13.1) in agreement with DCC and in compliance with any planning conditions, or submit an addendum to the RWMP to DCC, detailing specific measures to minimise waste generation and resource consumption, and provide details of the proposed waste contractors and destinations of each waste stream.
- The Contractor will implement the RWMP throughout the duration of the proposed excavation and construction phases.

A quantity of topsoil, sub soil and clay will need to be excavated to facilitate the proposed development. The Project quantity surveyors have estimated that 120,000m<sup>3</sup> of excavated material will need to be removed off-site. Correct classification and segregation of the excavated material is required to ensure that any potentially contaminated materials are identified and handled in a way that will not impact negatively on workers as well as on water and soil environments, both on and off-site.

In addition, the following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- Building materials will be chosen to 'design out waste';
- On-site segregation of waste materials will be carried out to increase opportunities for off-site reuse, recycling and recovery. The following waste types, at a minimum, will be segregated:
  - Concrete rubble (including ceramics, tiles and bricks);
  - Plasterboard;
  - Metals;
  - Glass; and
  - Timber.

- Left over materials (e.g. timber off-cuts, broken concrete blocks / bricks) and any suitable construction materials shall be re-used on-site, where possible; (alternatively, the waste will be sorted for recycling, recovery or disposal);
- All waste materials will be stored in skips or other suitable receptacles in designated areas of the site;
- Any hazardous wastes generated (such as chemicals, solvents, glues, fuels, oils) will also be segregated and will be stored in appropriate receptacles (in suitably bunded areas, where required);
- A Resource Manager will be appointed by the main Contractor(s) to ensure effective management of waste during the excavation and construction works;
- All construction staff will be provided with training regarding the waste management procedures;
- All waste leaving site will be reused, recycled or recovered, where possible, to avoid material designated for disposal;
- All waste leaving the site will be transported by suitably permitted contractors and taken to suitably registered, permitted or licenced facilities; and
- All waste leaving the site will be recorded and copies of relevant documentation maintained.

Nearby sites requiring clean fill material will be contacted to investigate reuse opportunities for clean and inert material, if required. If any of the material is to be reused on another site as by-product (and not as a waste), this will be done in accordance with Regulation 27 of the EC (Waste Directive) Regulations (2011-2020). EPA approval will be obtained prior to moving material as a by-product.

National End-of-Waste Decision EoW-N001/2023 (Regulation 28) establishes criteria determining when recycled aggregate resulting from a recovery operation ceases to be waste. Material from this proposed development will be investigated to see if it can cease to be a waste under the requirements of the National End of Waste Criteria for Aggregates.

These mitigation measures will ensure that the waste arising from the construction phase of the proposed development is dealt with in compliance with the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, associated Regulations and the Litter Pollution Act 1997, the EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021 and the draft NWMPCE. It will also ensure optimum levels of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery are achieved and will promote more sustainable consumption of resources.

### 13.6.2 Operational Phase

As previously stated, a project specific OWMP has been prepared and is included as Appendix 13.2. The mitigation measures outlined in the OWMP will be implemented in full and form part of mitigation strategy for the site. Implementation of this OWMP will ensure a high level of recycling, reuse and recovery at the development. All recyclable materials will be segregated at source to reduce waste contractor costs and ensure maximum diversion of materials from landfill, thus achieving the targets set out in the EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021, the draft NWMPCE, Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy – Waste Management Policy in Ireland and the DCC waste bye-laws.

- The tenants / operators / facilities management company(s) of the development during the operational phase will be responsible for ensuring – allocating personnel and resources, as needed – the ongoing implementation of this OWMP,

ensuring a high level of recycling, reuse and recovery at the Site of the proposed Development.

- The tenants / operators / facilities management company(s) will regularly audit the onsite waste storage facilities and infrastructure, and maintain a full paper trail of waste documentation for all waste movements from the site.

The following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- The Operator will ensure on-Site segregation of all waste materials into appropriate categories, including (but not limited to):
  - Organic waste;
  - Dry Mixed Recyclables;
  - Mixed Non-Recyclable Waste;
  - Glass;
  - Cardboard;
  - Plastic;
  - Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) including computers, printers and other ICT equipment;
  - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
  - Cooking oil;
  - Cleaning chemicals (paints, adhesives, resins, detergents, etc.);
  - Furniture (and from time-to-time other bulky waste); and
  - Abandoned bicycles
- The tenants / operator / facilities management company will ensure that all waste materials will be stored in colour coded bins or other suitable receptacles in designated, easily accessible locations. Bins will be clearly identified with the approved waste type to ensure there is no cross contamination of waste materials;
- The tenants / operator / facilities management company will ensure that all waste collected from the site of the Proposed Development will be reused, recycled, or recovered, where possible, with the exception of those waste streams where appropriate facilities are currently not available; and
- The tenants / operator / facilities management company will ensure that all waste leaving the site will be transported by suitable permitted contractors and taken to suitably registered, permitted, or licensed facilities.

These mitigation measures will ensure the waste arising from the Proposed Development during the operational phase is dealt with in compliance with the provisions of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, associated regulations, the Litter Pollution Act 1997, the EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021, the draft NWMPCE and the DCC Waste Bye-Laws. It will also ensure optimum levels of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery are achieved.

### **13.7 MONITORING OR REINSTATEMENT MEASURES**

The management of waste during the construction phase will be monitored by the Contactor's appointed Resource Manager to ensure compliance with the above-listed mitigation measures, and relevant waste management legislation and local authority requirements, including maintenance of waste documentation.

The management of waste during the operational phase will be monitored by the Operator / Buildings Manager to ensure effective implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in Section 13.6, Appendix 13.1 and 13.2 internally and by the nominated waste contractor(s).

**Table 13.3: Monitoring Proposals**

Likely Significant Effect		Monitoring Proposals
Litter Pollution		The Contractor will review and maintain waste records and site audits
Unlicensed Waste Collection (Illegal Dumping)	Waste (Illegal)	A register will be maintained and reviewed. A copy of all waste collection permits will be maintained.
Insufficient Facilities	Waste	A register will be maintained and reviewed. A copy of all waste collection permits will be maintained.
Lack of waste Classification	waste	An appointed Resource Manager will monitor all on-site waste segregation and classification
Unlicensed Waste Collection (Illegal Dumping)	Waste (Illegal)	The operator/ facilities management company will maintain waste receipts on-site for a period of 7 years and make available to SDCC as requested
Poor Waste Segregation		Waste generation volumes will be monitored by the operator / facilities management company
Litter Pollution		Waste storage areas will be monitored by the operator / facilities management company

### 13.7.1 Construction Phase

The objective of setting targets for waste management is only achieved if the actual waste generation volumes are calculated and compared. This is particularly important during the excavation and construction works, where there is a potential for waste management objectives to become secondary to other objectives, i.e. progress and meeting construction schedule targets. The RWMP specifies the need for a Resource Manager to be appointed, who will have responsibility for monitoring the actual waste volumes being generated and ensuring that contractors and sub-contractors are segregating waste as required. Where targets are not being met, the Resource Manager will identify the reasons for this and work to resolve any issues. Recording of waste generation during the construction phase of the proposed development will enable better management of waste contractor requirements and identify trends. The data should be maintained to advise on future developments.

### 13.7.2 Operational Phase

During the operational phase, waste generation volumes should be monitored by the Operator / Buildings Management. There may be opportunities to reduce the number of bins and equipment required in the WSA, where estimates have been too conservative. Reductions in bin and equipment requirements will improve efficiency and reduce waste contractor costs.

## 13.8 RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in Section 13.6 will ensure that targeted rates of reuse, recovery and recycling are achieved at the site of the Proposed Development during the construction and operational phases. It will also ensure that European, National and Regional legislative waste requirements with regard to waste are met and that associated targets for the management of waste are achieved.

### 13.8.1 Construction Phase

A carefully planned approach to waste management as set out in Section 13.6.1 and adherence to the RWMP (which includes mitigation) (Appendix 13.1) during the



construction phase will ensure that the predicted effect on the environment will be ***short-term, imperceptible and neutral***.

### 13.8.2 Operational Phase

During the operational phase, a structured approach to waste management as set out in Section 13.6.2 and adherence to the OWMP (which includes mitigation) (Appendix 13.2) will promote resource efficiency and waste minimisation. When the mitigation measures are implemented and a high rate of reuse, recycling and recovery is achieved, the predicted impact of the operational phase on the environment will be ***long-term, imperceptible and neutral***.

## 13.9 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

As has been identified in the receiving environment section all cumulative developments that are already built and in operation contribute to our characterisation of the baseline environment. As such any further environmental impacts that the proposed development may have in addition to these already constructed and operational cumulative developments has been assessed in the preceding sections of this chapter.

A review of the permitted and proposed developments set out in Chapter 2, Appendix 2.1 of this EIA Report has been undertaken to identify any substantial projects that are concurrent with the construction phase of the proposed development that may result in cumulative effects in respect of waste management.

This review identified the permitted developments outlined in Table 13.4, which are capable of combining with the proposed development and have the potential to result in significant cumulative effects due to their scale and close proximity to the proposed development site.

### 13.9.1 Construction Phase

There are existing residential and commercial developments close by, along with the multiple permissions remaining in place in the area. In a worst-case scenario, multiple developments in the area could be developed concurrently or overlap in the construction phase.

Due to the high number of waste contractors in the Dublin region as provided from the National Waste Collection Permit Office and the Environmental Protection Agency there would be sufficient contractors available to handle waste generated from a large number of these sites simultaneously, if required. Similar waste materials would be generated by all the developments.

Other developments in the area will be required to manage waste in compliance with national and local legislation, policies and plans which will mitigate against any potential cumulative effects associated with waste generation and waste management. As such the effect will be ***short-term, imperceptible and neutral***.

### 13.9.2 Operational Phase

There are existing residential and commercial developments close by, along with the multiple permissions remaining in place. All of the current and potential developments will generate similar waste types during their operational phases. Authorised waste

contractors will be required to collect waste materials segregated, at a minimum, into recyclables, organic waste and non-recyclables. An increased density of development in the area is likely improve the efficiencies of waste collections in the area.

Other developments in the area, will be required to manage waste in compliance with national and local legislation, policies and plans which will minimise/mitigate any potential cumulative impacts associated with waste generation and waste management. As such the effect will be a ***long-term, imperceptible*** and ***neutral***.

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