5.12 Effects Resulting from the Existence of the Proposed Development

The predicted impacts of the proposed development are set out in detail in sections 5.1 to 5.11 of this EIS. The proposed development will impact on the immediate area around Dun Laoghaire Harbour and is mostly likely to impact on harbour users, the local population and marine ecology.

Impacts during the construction phase will be both positivie and negative and will be temporary in nature. Potential temporary negative impacts include generation of construction traffic, noise, waste and dust and impacts associated with dredging, piling and dredge spoil disposal. It is considered that these impacts can be appropriately mitigated and controlled within acceptable levels. Likely positive impacts during the construction phase will be the creation of construction related employment and economic spin off within the local area.

In relation to the operational phase of the development, there are no significant adverse impacts envisaged, subject to adherence to the mitigation measures outlined in this EIS. The proposed development accords with national, regional and local policy and will have positive economic benefits.

The proposed development does not prejudice the future development of Dun Laoghaire Harbour. The proposed development is one element of the wider redevelopment of Dun Laoghaire Harbour, as detailed in the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan 2011-2030. The masterplan sets out the long-term objectives for the development of the harbour, including the provision of cruise berth facilities in the harbour. The masterplan was informed by an extensive process of public consultation and was subject to both a Strategic Environmental Assessment and also a Statement of Appropriate Assessment. Therefore the cumulative impact of the wider harbour redevelopment has been considered under the context of this masterplan.