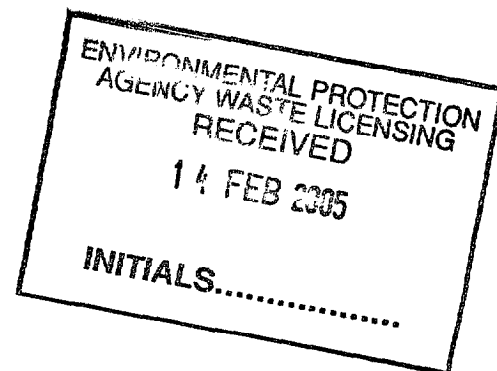


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Waste Licence Application Revised Non Technical Summary February 2005

The Non Technical Summary for the Waste Licence Application submitted in September 2004 was revised in February 2005.

The following changes have been made:

- (1) New Figure 3 to show revised water management
- (2) Revised 'Surface Water' Section

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Attachment A1: Non Technical Summary

Article 12 (1) (u) of The Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 requires an applicant to include 'a non-technical summary of the information provided in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (t) of this sub-article'. Paragraphs (a) to (t) of the Regulations are reproduced below, with non-technical information provided for each.

- (a) **give the name, address and, where applicable, any telephone number and telefax number of the applicant (and, if different, the operator of the facility concerned), the address to which correspondence relating to the application should be sent and, if the applicant or operator is a body corporate, the address of its registered office or principal office,**

The application is being made by Thorntons Recycling Centre Ltd. The applicant will also be the operator of the site. Contact details are as follows:

Name: Thorntons Recycling Centre Ltd
Address: Killeen Road
Dublin 10
Tel: 01 – 623 5133
Fax: 01 – 623 5131

The registered address of the company is Colistown, Kilcock, County Kildare.

- (b) **give the name of the planning authority in whose functional area the relevant activity is or will be carried on,**

The planning authority is Westmeath County Council.

- (c) **in the case of a discharge of any trade effluent or other matter (other than domestic sewage or storm water) to a sewer of a sanitary authority, give the name of the sanitary authority in which the sewer is vested or by which it is controlled,**

No trade effluents will be discharged to sewer.

- (d) **give the location or postal address (including, where appropriate, the name of the townland or townlands) and the National Grid reference of the facility or premises to which the application relates,**

The site is located in a rural area 8 km to the west of Kinnegad village, at National Grid Reference 2522, 2457. It is situated in the townland of Pass of Kilbride, County Westmeath. Mullingar is the principal town in County Westmeath and is located 10km to the North West of the site. The site entrance would be situated on a local road which connects with the N4 approximately 4km to the north of the site and the N6 1.75km to the south. The nearest settlement is the village of Milltownpass which is situated approximately 2km south of the site. The village of Rochfortbridge lies over 6km to the South West of the site. Local housing is made up of farms and residential properties in a linear formation along the N6, N4 and minor roads in the vicinity.

The proposed site is 17.5 hectares in size and is currently agricultural land with newly planted trees to the northern, eastern and southern boundaries. The proposed facility would occupy 4.8 hectares of the site. Thorntons also own the land to the west of the proposed site, which is currently planted with a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees.

Figure 1 shows the site location at a scale of 1:50,000.

- (e) **describe the nature of the facility or premises concerned, including the proposed capacity of the facility or premises and, in the case of an application in respect of the landfill of waste, the requirements specified in Annex 1 of the Landfill Directive,**

The company intends to establish a composting facility in the townland of Pass of Kilbride in County Westmeath. The facility would be capable of processing 90,000 tonnes of organic waste per annum.

- (f) **specify the class or classes of activity concerned, in accordance with the Third and Fourth Schedules of the Act and, in the case of an application in respect of the landfill of waste, specify the class of landfill in accordance with Article 4 of the Landfill Directive,**

The relevant activities, to which the application relates, in the Third and Fourth Schedules to the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2003, are identified as follows. An explanation of why each category was selected is also included:

Licensed Waste Disposal Activities, in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Waste Management Acts 1996 – 2003

Class 6. Biological treatment not referred to elsewhere in this schedule which results in final compounds or mixtures which are disposed of by means of any activity referred to in paragraphs 1 to 5 or paragraphs 8 to 10 of this Schedule (including evaporation, drying and calcinations) (i.e treatment of compost leachate in leachate treatment system).

Class 13. Storage prior to submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where the waste concerned is produced. (i.e The storage at the facility of composted materials which are not suitable for recovery and destined ultimately for disposal off-site).

Licensed Waste Recovery Activities, in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2003

Class 2. Recycling or reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (including composting and other biological transformation processes) (i.e. the composting of biodegradable waste. This is the principal activity).

Class 3. Recycling or reclamation of metals and metal compounds (i.e. screening to remove small fractions of metals from the compost, to be sent off-site for recycling).

Class 4. Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials (i.e. screening to remove small fractions of inorganic materials e.g. glass and plastic, to be sent off-site for disposal).

Class 13. Storage of waste intended for submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where such waste is produced. (i.e. the storage of waste at the facility prior to composting on site).

- (g) **specify, by reference to the relevant European Waste Catalogue codes as presented by Commission Decision 2000/532/EC of 3 May 2000, the quantity and nature of the waste or wastes which will be treated, recovered or disposed of,**

The following types of waste would be accepted at the site for composting (EWC codes are provided in the application):

Type of waste	Tonnes per annum
catering waste (from household and commercial kitchens)	30,000
green (garden) waste	20,000
organic fines (i.e. organic material that has been mechanically separated from mixed municipal waste)	20,000
wood waste.	20,000

The waste will be processed in a state-of-the art facility to produce a compost product for sale to customers throughout Ireland.

(h) specify the raw and ancillary materials, substances, preparations, fuels and energy which will be utilised in or produced by the activity,

The main raw material used in the process is organic waste. Water, electricity and diesel would also be used.

(i) describe the plant, methods, processes, ancillary processes, abatements, recovery and treatment systems and operating procedures for the activity,

The process

The technology to be used at the site is a combination of 'in-vessel tunnel composting' and 'aerated static piles'.

The term 'in-vessel' refers to a composting system where the waste material is contained and enclosed in a concrete tunnel which is completely sealed. Enclosure means that the composting material is not affected by the external environment (temperature, rainfall etc) so the conditions in the system can be carefully controlled to make the composting process more efficient. Aeration levels can be adjusted to control the temperature of the composting materials, for example, or water can be automatically added if low moisture levels are detected.

The fact that the in-vessel system is sealed off from the environment works both ways - the material is protected from the environment, and the surroundings can be protected from any adverse environmental impacts from the composting process.

Catering waste and organic fines will be off-loaded directly into the main building, mixed with garden waste and woodchip and placed in the tunnels. Following an initial composting stage in the tunnels, the material will be placed outside in piles located in designated areas. Using a system of underground piping, air is sucked through the compost to provide it with oxygen, which speeds up the process. This stage of the process is referred to as 'aerated static pile' technology.

Some of the pure garden waste and wood waste will be composted using the aerated static piles only. The remainder of the waste will be composted using a combination of both the in-vessel system and the aerated static piles.

The air collected from the process is treated in a 'biofilter' to control odour and dust emissions. The biofilter is a concrete bay filled with organic material such as woodchip, peat or compost. The process air is passed through the organic material where micro-organisms decompose the odorous compounds.

The compost will be 'screened' at the end of the process to separate it into different sized fractions. The larger fraction is added back to the tunnels for further composting.

The process will be capable of producing a quality, marketable compost product.

Site buildings and infrastructure

The process will be enclosed within an agricultural style building. The building has been designed to ensure that the proposed activity and the associated facilities are in keeping with the surrounding environment which is predominantly agricultural.

An office building with canteen and sanitary facilities will be provided, with a proprietary treatment system for disposal of waste water.

A weighbridge will be situated close to the site entrance to weigh incoming and outgoing materials and a wheelwash will also be provided.

The composting facility will be developed as a fully engineered waste management facility that incorporates techniques for the management of leachate and surface water and careful control of other environmental issues such as odour, visual impact, noise and vermin. The site operations will be carried out using methods that minimise the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment both locally and globally.

The layout of the facility is shown in Figure 2 and it's location within the site is shown in Figure 3.

Hours of operation

The following hours of operation are proposed:

Monday to Friday	0800 – 1800
Saturday	0800 – 1600
Sundays and Bank Holidays	Closed

- (j) **provide information for the purpose of enabling the Agency to make a determination in relation to the matters specified in paragraphs (a) to (g) of Section 40(4) of the Act,**

The Waste Management Act 1996 requires all applicants to demonstrate to the Agency that they are in a position to meet any financial commitments or liabilities incurred by the carrying on of the disposal activities. Thornton's Recycling Centre has sufficient finances and insurances to meet these requirements. Full details are given in the application.

- (k) **give particulars of the source, location, nature, composition, quantity, level and rate of emissions arising from the activity and, where relevant, the period or periods during which such emissions are made or are to be made,**
- (l) **give details, and an assessment of the effects, of any existing or proposed emissions on the environment, including any environmental medium other than that into which the emissions are, or are to be, made, and of proposed measures to prevent or eliminate or, where that is not practicable, to limit or abate such emissions, and**
- (m) **identify monitoring and sampling points and indicate proposed arrangements for the monitoring of emissions and the environmental consequences of any such emissions,**

The Environmental Impact Statement describes the existing environment at the proposed site and outlines the potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the development. The Statement also recommends mitigation measures will be put in place to prevent these impacts.

During the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment the design of the composting facility was amended and improved to incorporate many of these mitigation measures. The issues covered in the EIS are summarised below.

Human Beings

The site is located in a rural location and as such has a low population density. There are a limited number of houses in the vicinity of the proposed site, the nearest being 510m from the site boundary and 640m from the facility itself. The locations of the nearest neighbours are shown in Figure 4.

Site neighbours were contacted in June 2004 to determine whether there were any concerns in relation to the facility. Several issues were raised; these are listed as follows, together with additional impacts that could be of importance to the local population:

- ◆ Bioaerosol emissions ('spores')
- ◆ Dust emissions
- ◆ Odours
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Groundwater and surface water quality
- ◆ Traffic
- ◆ Changes in the landscape and visual impact
- ◆ Litter
- ◆ Birds, Vermin and Flies
- ◆ Fly-tipping

The Environmental Impact Assessment concluded that the proposed development will have limited impact on human beings, due its remote location and due to the design of the facility, which limits the possibility of any of these impacts occurring.

Air

Bioaerosols

The proposed facility will compost green (garden) waste, organic fines, wood waste and catering waste and therefore has the potential to generate 'bioaerosol' emissions.

Bioaerosols are airborne micro-organisms, which because of their microscopic size can remain airborne for long period of time. The principal bioaerosol of concern is a species known as *Aspergillus Fumigatus* which flourishes at temperatures above 45°C, releasing fine spores when disturbed.

Airborne micro-organisms are inhaled throughout normal everyday life and rarely cause any ill effects as the body is equipped to cope with the presence of microbes. However they have been linked with respiratory diseases in certain immune-sensitive individuals. Background levels of bacteria and fungi are highly variable but higher levels are commonly encountered in agricultural and forest environments.

There is currently no Irish Guidance on the siting of composting facilities and therefore the Environmental Impact Statement takes account of guidelines published by the Environment Agency (EA) for England and Wales.

The EA has set a limit of 250m around composting sites within which it is necessary to assess risks to exposed neighbours. Although the nearest house to the proposed facility located over twice this distance away, an independent study to assess the risks from bioaerosols was carried out and is included in the EIS.

The study concluded that emissions of bioaerosols will not propose a significant risk to neighbours. This is due to the fact that all process air will be collected and treated with biofilters and also because the nearest houses are well removed from the facility.

Dust

Dust monitoring was carried out near to the proposed site and levels were found to be typical of a rural area.

The environmental impact assessment concluded that the majority of the dust generated during construction operations would be deposited on the ground within Thorntons landholding, even when the wind blows directly towards the houses in the vicinity of the site.

During the operation of facility potential dust emissions would be limited by the amount of moisture present in the waste material. The composting process requires a minimum moisture level of at least 35%, in order for the organic decomposition to take place, rising to 65-70% at some stages. Therefore the material will not be permitted to dry out to such an extent that significant dust generation may arise. Other activities on site such as shredding of wood/green waste, screening of compost and movement of trucks could lead to dust emissions, but with good operational practices in place these emissions would not be expected to cause a nuisance to neighbours.

Odours

An assessment of the potential for odours to cause a nuisance to local residents has been carried out.

All material will be delivered to the facility in sealed containers. The catering waste and organic fines will be offloaded directly into the composting building, thereby reducing the potential for odours.

Additionally, the facility has been designed based on an air extraction and treatment system which provides advanced odour control. Waste material will undergo two stages of treatment, firstly in-vessel composting will be employed with a second further stage of curing provided in the aerated static piles. The negative aeration system draws air through the static piles as well as from the in-vessel tunnels, and directs the emissions to biofilters for treatment prior to release to atmosphere. Untreated dispersal of odours from the static piles and the in-vessel tunnels is thereby prevented.

This system of odour control is an effective method for preventing odours. It will ensure that local residents do not experience any odour nuisance from the site.

Climate

Climatic conditions at the site are typical of the Westmeath area. The average rainfall is 76.6mm per month and the prevailing wind is south westerly.

The development is expected to have no significant impact on the local climate and a positive impact on the global climate. Currently, a large percentage of Irelands waste is landfilled and when this waste decomposes it generates methane gas. Methane is a greenhouse gas, which contributes to global warming.

Composting results in the slow release of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂). Carbon dioxide is also a greenhouse gas (although 21 times less potent than methane), but the carbon dioxide released from composting is not considered to be a contributor to greenhouse gas emissions since it is derived from vegetable / organic matter that would produce carbon dioxide as it decomposed if left in a "natural" state in a short period of time.

Therefore the facility would have a positive impact on climatic conditions.

Noise

An assessment of the potential for noise to cause a nuisance to local residents has been carried out.

Noise monitoring was carried out and the results were typical of levels in a rural area. At present there are no man-made noise sources attributable to the site, except for sporadic agricultural activity and light traffic on the country road.

The proposed development has the potential to give rise to noise from three sources:

- ◆ road traffic noise on the County Road
- ◆ noise from construction plant on-site
- ◆ noise from operational mobile and fixed plant on-site

At present the site is quite open to all sides and visible from the Country Road. It is proposed that a 4 to 5 metre high earth berm will be constructed around the northern and eastern perimeter of the proposed activity. With the construction of the berm and the planting of trees and vegetation on the margin between the operational facility and the site boundary, the site will effectively be screened in order to minimise the noise emission.

These mitigation measures will ensure that the potential noise impact from the site operations will not have a significant impact on local residents.

Traffic

The impact on local traffic has also been assessed. This included an assessment of alternative routes to and from the site and recommended the most favourable route.

The proposed route to and from the facility will use the direct connection to the N6 via the existing intersection at the Pass of Kilbride. Visibility is acceptable at this intersection although some minor junction enhancements have been suggested to further improve on this.

The use of the existing N6 and the new separate dual carriageway route provides access to destinations without passing through built up areas such as Kinnegad. When the new dual carriageway is in operation it is anticipated that there will be an 87% reduction in traffic on the existing N6.

The proposed access to the facility will ensure that the largest vehicles generated by the facility can be accommodated and also satisfies the sight line requirements in both directions, as set by the National Roads Authority. Widening of the road adjacent to the facility, from the site entrance to the N6, is recommended, in order to provide a 6.5 metre wide carriageway.

The traffic study concluded that there would be an increase of 3 HGV movements per hour. Current traffic levels in the vicinity of the site are low and the volume of traffic that would be generated by the facility is also low. Therefore, measures to enhance the capacity of the roads are not considered necessary.

Surface Water

Detailed assessments of the impact of the facility on surface waters have been prepared. This included water quality sampling and analysis both on and off-site and an assessment of on-site streams and ditches to determine water levels and flows.

The construction of the facility would involve replacing areas of soil with areas of concrete. This will change the way surface water flows across the site, as it will not be able to run through the concrete. All surface water collected from non-process areas (i.e. run-off from the roofs, car park) on site will be treated by a silt trap and oil/water separator prior to discharge to the adjacent water bodies. During times of heavy rainfall excess water will be diverted to a soakaway area between the site and the stream.

The soakaway will provide storage for excess water and will enable the water to slowly soak through the base of the soakaway into the groundwater table, which will eventually flow into the stream in the north of the site. This operation will delay large quantities of water reaching the stream.

Surface water from the access roads around the process areas of the facility may contain some compost residues and will therefore be treated before it is discharged to the stream. This surface water will be collected and stored in a lagoon. Water from the lagoon will feed to a reed bed where the contaminants are removed. The effluent from the reed bed will be a clear and odourless liquid of a quality consistent with discharge conditions required by the Environmental Protection Agency. It will be discharged to the surface water via an outfall pipe.

Any water that comes into contact with waste or partially composted material is referred to as 'leachate'. This leachate will be collected by a dedicated collection system, separate to surface water runoff from the non-process areas, and stored prior to recirculation and use during the composting process. All of this leachate will be added back into the process to maintain optimum conditions in the compost.

Our initial application involved the treatment of leachate using a 'sequencing batch reactor'. During January 2005 a refined system for managing water on the site was proposed. Analysis of the actual moisture content of materials that would be composted at the facility revealed that water would need to be added to the compost, instead of needing to remove leachate from it. Therefore the sequencing batch reactor will not be required.

It is anticipated that there will be an insignificant impact on surface water following the implementation of all the proposed mitigation measures. The proposed mitigation measures will minimise the potential impact of leachate, firewater, accidental spills, domestic effluent and surface runoff on the local surface water environment.

The operation of the development in accordance with good management practices and the containment provided by the surface water management system will mitigate against significant environmental impacts during normal operation of the facility.

Accident and emergency response procedures will be prepared for all identified risks (for example the spillage of fuel oil), to further mitigate against potential impacts.

Geology and Hydrogeology

The geology and hydrogeology at the site were determined by collation and study of existing published information and by on-site intrusive site investigation work. The site investigation and monitoring data provide information in relation to:

- ◆ Groundwater levels and quality;
- ◆ Local groundwater flow;
- ◆ The nature of the geological strata underlying the proposed composting facility.

The impacts associated with the proposed facility will be low, as the concrete base of the facility forms an effective barrier for the migration of leachate to groundwater. The Construction Quality Assurance scheme and the integrity testing and inspection programme that will be implemented will ensure that the risk to groundwater beneath the site does not become significant.

Pumping tests have shown that water levels and yields in local wells will be unaffected by the development.

Landscape and Visual

A landscape character assessment and a viewpoint analysis were carried out to assess the impact of the facility on the landscape in the area and the impact on views towards the site

The landscape assessment concluded that the impact of the facility on the landscape would be limited, due to the rolling nature of the landscape and the trees planted around the site.

The viewpoint assessment identified that there will not be significant effects on either the landscape character or visual amenity as experienced at the majority of locations around the site. The site would be most visible from the south east, along the minor road that runs adjacent to the site, but this impact will begin to reduce with the establishment of the proposed soil berm and the woodland/screen planting to the roadside. The viewpoint analysis indicates that residents in close proximity to the proposed facility will not experience significant effects/views to the site. Analysis of longer distance views indicates that residents and road users will not experience significant effects at greater distances from the site.

Soils and Agriculture

The impact of the facility on the soil and agricultural environment was assessed by means of a desk-top study and site investigations.

The proposed development will result in the movement of soils on-site. The potential impacts on soil and agriculture during construction, operation and restoration of the development include the following:

- ◆ soil and agricultural excavation and disturbance due to material movement and removal within the development footprint;
- ◆ compaction of soil by heavy machinery and vehicle movements and also to create a suitable base profile;
- ◆ alteration of the hydrological and hydrogeological regimes (decreased infiltration, increased surface runoff and incident storm water) which has the potential to effect local water courses;
- ◆ impact in the quality of surface water run-off to the northern drainage ditch, during construction and operation due to silt run-off; and
- ◆ contamination of the soil and local area due to leachate.

The proposed design of the facility incorporates measures to ensure that contamination of soils will not occur (e.g. collection and treatment or recirculation of all run-off water from the compost) will ensure that these potential impacts are mitigated against.

Once the facility is operational it would result in a positive impact on the wider soils and agricultural environment. 90,000 tonnes of waste would be converted into compost. Compost is a soil improver and could be used to replace peat, which is a non-renewable resource.

Flora and Fauna

An ecology survey of the site was carried out in March and April 2004. During these site visits a detailed and comprehensive account of the floral and faunal composition encountered during the survey was recorded. A desktop study was also carried out.

The site is not under any designation as per the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997). Nor is the site registered for containing any species under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000.

The lands located directly south of the subject site are however designated as a Natural Heritage Area (NHA) referred to as the Miltownpass Bog NHA. Miltownpass Bog NHA is a site of considerable conservation significance comprising a raised bog that includes both areas of high bog and cutover bog.

There is a relatively high diversity of habitats within the local area, and correspondingly a high diversity of species. The site itself is cultivated land and removing this habitat during construction will not cause any ecological impact.

Construction of the facility must be carefully controlled to prevent a significant impact on the ecology of the surrounding areas.

There will be high potential for an impact to the water quality of the northern drainage ditch either from the construction of the discharge culverts or the silt run-off from earth movement works. Silt fences are recommended to protect the ditch and these will be put in place during construction of the facility.

There will be no predicted impact to the hydrology of the area, and hence upon the ecology of Miltownpass Bog. The existing bog woodland between the bog and the subject lands provides more than sufficient buffering capacity.

Once operational all surface and foul water will be adequately treated and as such will not present an ecological impact.

The greatest potential for operational indirect impacts would be that brought about by increased ambient noise. Given that the subject lands are located close to existing noisy operations such as the road and the peat extraction industry it is considered unlikely that the predicted increase in noise levels will bring about any secondary ecological impacts to adjacent habitats.

The various odour control measures that have been incorporated into the design of the proposed development, coupled with the pest control measures will negate the possibility of the increase of scavenging species within the study area.

There are no foreseeable indirect ecological impacts arising from the proposed development.

Cultural Heritage

To assess the impact of the proposed facility on the cultural heritage in the area, a survey of all available archaeological, historical and cartographic sources was undertaken. A site visit was also carried out.

The townlands of Enniscoffey and Pass of Kilbride are dominated by lowland boggy terrain. There are no recorded archaeological sites or monuments in the area to be developed, and nothing of archaeological significance was noted in aerial photographs of the site or during the field survey.

However, there is extensive supporting evidence to indicate that should any archaeological material remain undisturbed in the boggy deposits that underlie the plantation to the west of the proposed site, it may survive in unusually good condition. The anaerobic nature of the bog environment means that the survival rate of any archaeological material, particularly wood, leather and other organic material, is exceptionally high compared with other 'land' contexts. In addition, material from the Mesolithic period may survive under the bog, from a period that predates the growth of the bog. This may also be said of the adjoining agricultural land on which the proposed composting facility would be located.

During the soil stripping phase of the construction of the facility, a qualified archaeologist will monitor the development.

Material Assets

Material assets in the area consist of agriculture, forestry, infrastructure, housing and tourism. Although within 5km of the site material assets are very limited due to the remote nature of the site.

The development will not have any significant negative impact on material assets in the area. It will have a positive impact in that it will bring up to 20 new jobs to the area.

Interactions

The Environmental Impact Assessment also considered the interaction between all of the environmental issues discussed in the sections above. For example, if there are changes in water quality in the area, this could also have an impact on people who may use the water for drinking and if there are changes in the soil quality on this site this may affect vegetation growing there etc.

The Environmental Impact Assessment has been an on-going process which has led to changes in the site location and design of the facility. The proposed location and design of the site incorporates all of the mitigation measures that the EIS identified, resulting in a proposed facility that will have the minimum impact on the surrounding environment.

- (n) describe any proposed arrangements for the prevention, minimisation and recovery of waste arising from the activity concerned,**

The main purpose of the facility is to recover waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill.

- (o) describe any proposed arrangements for the off-site treatment or disposal of solid or liquid wastes,**

Any material that cannot be composted (e.g. small amounts of material that are not biodegradable) will be disposed of to a licensed landfill site.

- (p) describe the existing or proposed measures, including emergency procedures, to prevent unauthorised or unexpected emissions and minimise the impact on the environment of any such emissions,**

Emergency procedures have been developed to prevent unauthorised or unexpected emissions and minimise the impact on the environment of any such emissions. This includes procedures for emergency response, fire control, spillages and breakdown of essential equipment.

- (q) describe the proposed measures for the closure, restoration, remediation or aftercare of the facility concerned, after the cessation of the activity in question,**

The proposed development is expected to be in operation for the foreseeable future and will provide an important ongoing route for wastes diverted from landfill. However, in the event that the facility closes, a decommissioning and restoration plan for the site will be in place under the requirements of the EPA Waste Licence.

The plan will provide for the removal of all wastes, composts, finished product, fuels and ancillary materials from the site for reuse, recycling or disposal at other facilities, to be agreed under the conditions of the Waste Licence.

Environmental monitoring of air emissions and odours will cease once the process areas have been decommissioned. Groundwater and surface water will continue to be monitored until such time that the Agency is satisfied that no further risks to these receptors are posed by the site.

- (r) in the case of an application in respect of the landfilling of waste, give particulars of :-**
- i. such financial provision as is proposed to be made by the applicant, having regard to the provisions of Articles (7)(i) and (8)(a)(iv) of the Landfill Directive and section 53(1) of the Act, and**
 - ii. such charges as are proposed or made, having regard to the requirements of section 53A of the Act.**

Not applicable.

- (s) state whether the activity is for the purposes of an establishment to which the European Communities (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 476 of 2000) apply,**

Not applicable

- (t) in the case of an activity which gives rise or could give rise to an emission into an aquifer containing the List I and II substances specified in the Annex to Council Directive 80/68/EEC of 17 December 1979, describe the existing or proposed arrangements necessary to give effect to Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the aforementioned Council Directive,**

The groundwater and surface water risk assessment carried out for the development has indicated that the proposed construction and leachate management procedures will be sufficient to ensure that leachate does not result in a significant deterioration in either surface water or groundwater (aquifer) quality.

Figure 1: Site Location



Figure 2: Site Layout Plan

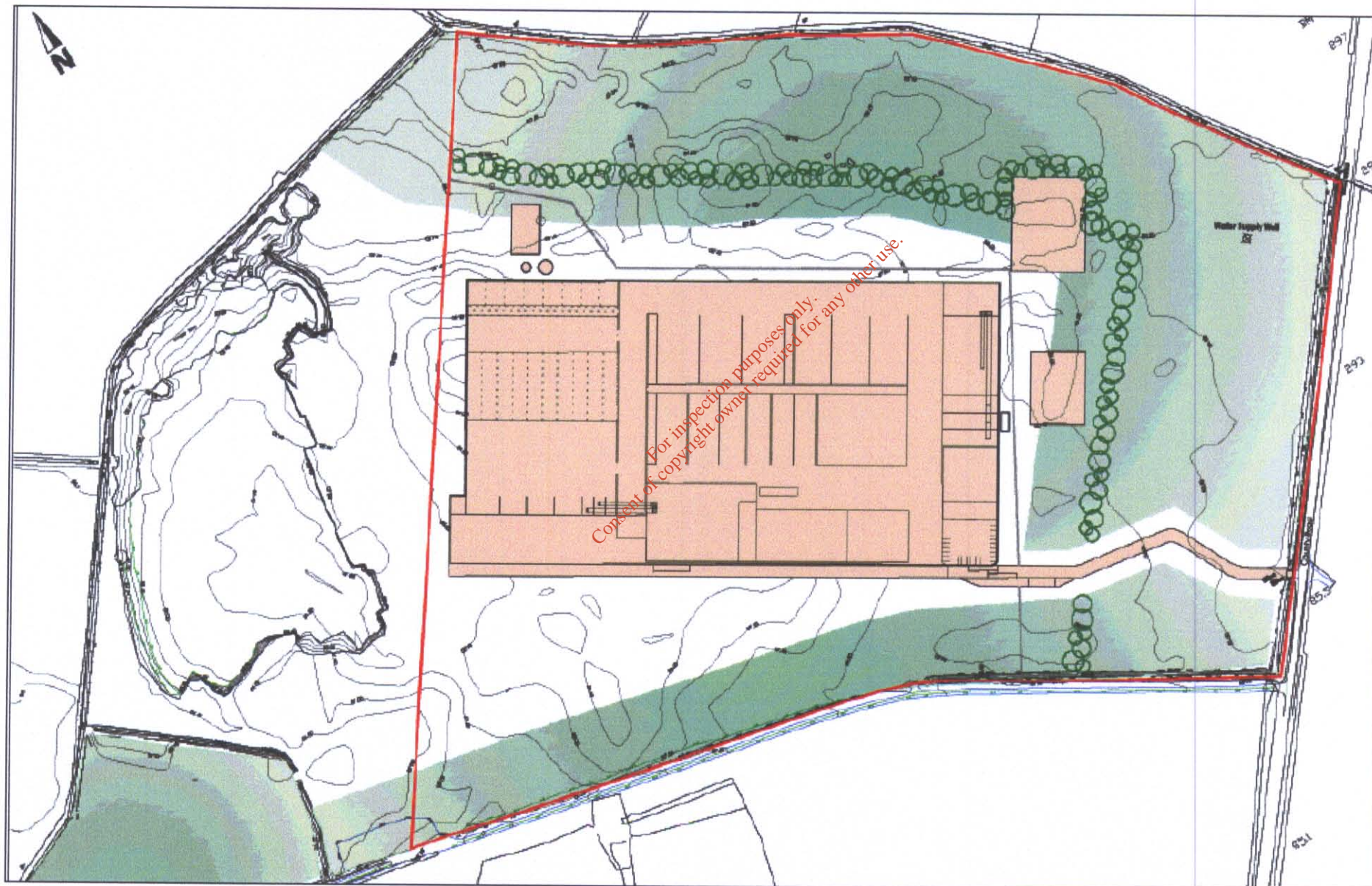


Figure 3: Facility Layout Plan

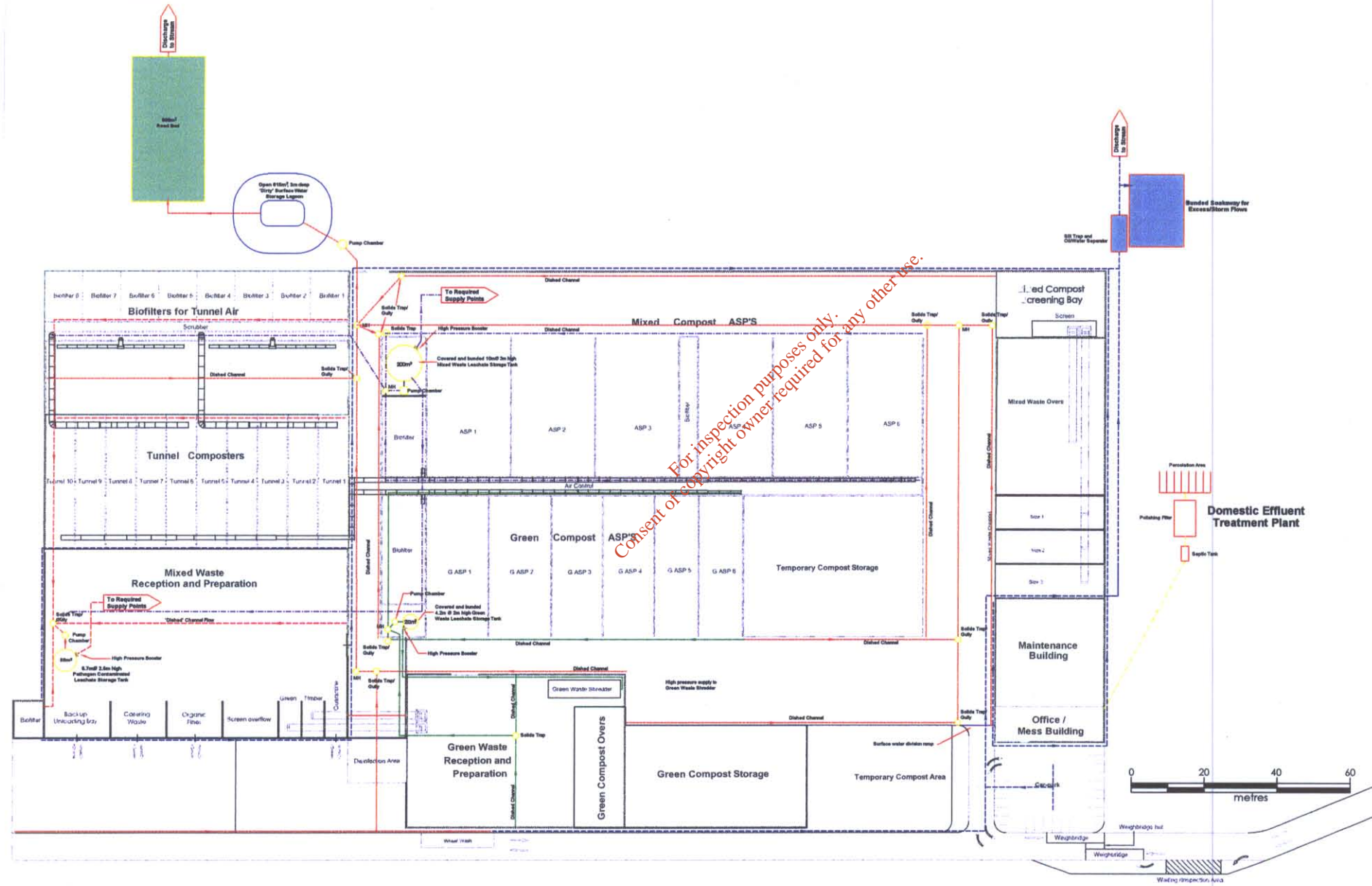


Figure 4: Location of Houses

