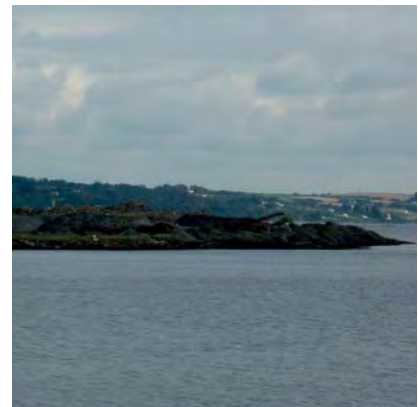


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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT

This document is the Non-Technical Summary of an Environmental Impact Statement prepared by RPS for the remediation of the East Tip, Haulbowline Island, Co. Cork on behalf of Cork County Council, who are facilitating the regularisation of the site on behalf of the Irish State.

The East Tip consists of 9 ha of reclaimed land located on the eastern side of Haulbowline Island which in turn is located in Cork Harbour, between Ringaskiddy and Cobh. The land was reclaimed using processed slag and other wastes from a former steelworks site on the island. The location of the site is shown in **Figure 1**.

The site is owned by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This project arose from a European Court of Justice Ruling (Case C494/01, Commission v Ireland (2005)) and subsequent Letter of Formal Notice issued in 2010, which requires the State to remediate the site to ensure compliance with the EU Waste Framework Directive.

In 2011 following meetings with the European Commission, Ireland agreed that an application for a waste licence would be made to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the deposition of waste, including hazardous waste elements, on Haulbowline Island, and oversee any necessary remedial action required. Cork County Council was tasked by the State to manage the overall remediation and regularisation process.

Additional to the remediation of the East Tip is the proposal to develop the site into a public amenity thereby giving something of tangible value back to the local community.

In order to achieve the remediation objectives for the site, a number of statutory approvals must be obtained as follows:

- Planning approval under section 181(3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2013.
- Waste Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with Section 40 of the Waste Management Acts 1996-2012 and the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 as amended; and
- Any necessary proprietary consent for works that will be required in the foreshore from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (DECLG).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which outlines the project description, the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the remediation of the site has been prepared in support of the various applications and in line with European and national legislation (the EIS is contained within Volume 2:EIS). A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has also been prepared which is contained within Volume 4: AA Screening and NIS.