## **D1** Operational Requirements

## Development and Operational History

Prior to the acquisition of the site by PANDA in 2005, it had been used for agricultural purposes. In August 2005 PANDA applied for planning permission to develop a Waste management facility on a staged basis. Stage 1 involved the development of C&D and C&I processing building. Stage 2 involved the construction Dry Recyclables processing building, with Stage 3 comprising MSW processing, with a total annual throughput of 250,000 tonnes.

In December 2005 permission was granted for the development of the Stage 1 C&D and C&I building. Approval was not granted for the Dry Recyclables and the MSW processing, as the time the local road network did not have the capacity to handle the associated increase in traffic. The permission restricted the amount of wastes to 50,000 tonnes per annum, again because the condition of the local road network.

PANDA constructed the existing C&D/C&I Building in 2006, obtained a Waste Permit (WP 095) from Fingal County Council and started operations in 2006. The initial site development works included the provision of site services, construction of perimeter security fencing, internal access roads and paved yards in the northern and central parts of the site, foul and surface water drainage system, weighbridge(s), Building A1 (1,760m<sup>2</sup>) and an electrical substation. A 3m high acoustic wall was constructed at the south east boundary. Portacabin offices, canteen and staff welfare facilities have been temporarily located adjacent to the weighbridge at site entrance and at the south east side of the building.

The Council subsequently completed the upgrade of the local road network and in 2007, PANDA applied for permission for Stages 2, and 3. In December 2007 permission was granted for Stage 2, but not for Stage 3 MSW processing. The refusal to approve Stage 3 was based on the land zoning status at the time. Stage 2 construction works began in 2013 and, involve the construction of the Buildings B1 (2,800m<sup>2</sup>) and B2 (4,680m<sup>2</sup>), the completion of the paving of the open areas and the extension of the surface water drainage system. The works are expected to be completed by mid 2014.

In August 2010, the EPA granted PANDA a Waste Licence. The Licence, in keeping with the planning permission, allows that acceptance of 200,000 tonnes of waste annually of C&D and C&I waste, but the site is not authorised to accept mixed MSW. Approved waste processing includes unloading, separation, sorting, crushing, trommelling, shredding, screening, baling and storage pending consignment off-site for re-use or further processing.

In November 2013 PANDA applied for planning permission to construct a new building (A2), accept MSW (food waste and residual waste collected from households and commercial customers) and extend the operational hours. It is proposed to relocate the C&D and C&I processing to the new building and handle the residual household waste and food waste and in Building A1. An odour abatement system will be installed on the building, comprising an air extraction system that will maintain the building under negative pressure and a carbon filter.

#### Site Infrastructure

The site layout is shown on Drawing No 6418 and details of the site infrastructure are in the table below.

| Ref | Infrastructure             | Details                                                    |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Electrical Substation      | Located at the western boundary.                           |
| 2   | 2 No Weighbridges and      | Located close to the facility entrance (78m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|     | associated portacabin type |                                                            |
|     | office                     |                                                            |
| 3   | Building A1                | MSW processing $(1,760m^2)$                                |
| 4   | Building A2                | C&D and C&I processing ( <sup>2030m2</sup> )               |
| 4   | Building B1                | Dry Recyclables (2,800m <sup>2</sup> )                     |
|     | Building B2                | Paper & Cardboard (4,608m <sup>2</sup> )                   |
| 4   | Underground Storm water    | 1,400m <sup>3</sup>                                        |
|     | Attenuation Tank           |                                                            |
| 5   | Paved Yard                 | 16,212m <sup>2</sup>                                       |
| 6   | External Storage Bays      | Temporary, formed by large concrete blocks                 |
| 7   | Oil Storage Tanks          | 20,000 litres and 5000 litres                              |

## **Table – Site Infrastructure**

#### Services

Electricity is supplied by Electric Ireland, which has an electrical substation on-site. Water is obtained from an on-site well. Sanitary wastewater is collected and stored in an underground tank pending removal off-site for treatment in a municipal wastewater treatment plant. Rainwater run-off from the building swill be collected and diverted to a rainwater harvesting system for use as 'grey water' in the welfare facilities and the dust suppression system.

Surface water Drainage Surface water from roofs and paved areas is collected in the surface water drainage system and directed to the attenuation tank as shown on Drawing No.138-01. The tank has a capacity of 1,400m<sup>3</sup> and is connected to a Class Full Retention Klargester Oil Interceptor.

The attenuation tank provides temporary storage of surface water and allows the discharge at a steady rate to the storm water sewer system serving the adjoining Stadium Business Park. The outflow from the tank is regulated by a hydrobrake, which has a maximum discharge rate of 6 litres/second (l/s). This passes through the Oil Interceptor before discharging to the Stadium Business Park storm water sewer.

The size of the attenuation tank is based on the run-off from an impermeable surface area (roof and paved yards) of 25,284 m<sup>2</sup> and the requirement to accommodate 1:100 year 6 hour rainfall event (60mm) that will generate 1,517.04m<sup>3</sup> of run-off. Assuming a continuous discharge rate of 6l/second, which equates to 129.6m<sup>3</sup> over the 6 hour period, the required storage capacity is 1387.44m<sup>3</sup>.

#### Wastewater

The waste processing does not generate a wastewater. The floor of Building A1 will be regularly cleaned by a road sweeper, which is on site daily. Sanitary and sink wastewater from the site welfare facilities is discharged to the facility's foul drainage system, which is shown on Drawing No. 6418.

The volume of sanitary wastewater generated will be approximately 320m<sup>3</sup> annually. This is collected in a 13.5 m<sup>3</sup> concrete storage tank outside the southern side of Building A1, the contents of which are removed off-site on a routine basis and disposed of at the municipal wastewater treatment plant at Ringsend operated by Dublin City Council.

#### Waste Processing

Current operations include the processing of C&D and C&I wastes inside Building A1; the bulking up of the plastic hangers into specially designed transport vehicle near the western site boundary; the storage of the source segregated baled cardboard and baled plastic in an open paved area along the southern site boundary and the storage of recovered (WEEE) and timber on paved areas adjacent to Building A1. The external storage of baled materials is a temporary measure and will stop once all of the buildings have been constructed.

#### C&D and C&I

When the facility opened in 2006 the C&D waste from development sites comprised the bulk of the incoming waste and the processing included screening using a hopper, conveyor and trommel to produce a large (>150mm) and small (<150mm) fractions, which were then sent off site for further processing. Due to very significant reduction in large scale construction projects, this process has been temporarily suspended and the processing now involves manual and mechanical sorting of the mixed wastes.

In Building A1 ferrous and non-ferrous metals, waste electronic and electrical waste WEEE, wood and bulky wastes are segregated manually and mechanically using a mechanical grab. The WEEE is stored in cages on a paved area at the rear of the processing building. The timber is stored in open bays formed by large concrete blocks on a paved area to the south west of the processing building. The external storage of the wastes is a temporary measure and will stop following the construction of Buildings B1 and B2. The remaining mixed waste is then bulked up and sent to PANDA's Benaparc facility for processing. ofcopy

#### **Dry Recyclables**

In Building B1, the pre-segregated dry recyclables will be baled. The mixed recyclables will be separated manually and mechanically into the different waste streams (paper, cardboard, plastic, glass and metal) using a sorting line incorporating a combination of some or all of the following-loading hopper, conveyor, picking line, ballistic separators and magnets. The paper, cardboard, plastic and metal cans will be baled. The glass will be stored in a bin.

#### Paper & Cardboard

In Building B2, the higher value, low quantity paper will be sorted using a picking line comprising a conveyor that passes over open top bins. Each of the bins will be dedicated to a particular grade of paper. As the paper passes along the conveyor, the sorting personnel will pick out the particular grade and deposit it into the appropriate bin. Any unsorted paper will fall into an end bin (the lowest value grade). When a bin is full it will be emptied on to a conveyor and sent to a baler.

Lower grades of mixed paper will not be sorted, but will be baled. All the bales will be tied with wire. On average the weight of each bale is 750 kg, but this can vary from 500 kg to 1,000 kg depending on size, density, waste paper type and moisture content. The finished bales will be moved to the designated storage areas inside the building using a clamp truck.

#### Food Waste & Residual Waste

When Building A2 is constructed the C&D and C& I processing will be moved to this building and Building A1 will be used to handle the source segregated residual and food waste. The food waste will be bulked up into to larger transport vehicles for transfer to an approved biological treatment plants (compost/anaerobic digestion). This will typically occur on the day of arrival and generally not later than 48 hours of arrival, allowing for Sundays and Public Holidays.

The residual waste will be transferred to energy recovery facilities. This will involve first shredding the bin bags that contain the waste to allow the recovery of the recyclable metals (food and drink tins/cans) and food waste that are inadvertently placed in 'black bin' by householders. This may, depending on requirements of the recovery installation to which the wastes are sent, involve a combination of a trommell, conveyors, magnets, ballistic separators and eddy current separator, so as to increase the calorific value.

Details of the processing line layout and the sampling protocols that will be applied to demonstrate the processed materials meet the required customer/regulatory specification will be submitted to the Agency for approval.

The remaining waste will then be compacted into bales that are wrapped in plastic and stored before being sent to waste recovery plants. The layers of plastic prevent liquid seepages and contain odours while the bales are being stored and transported. The average storage time for a bale will be 1 week. 27. 22 un hundred ind for

Alternative Building Use

Pection Purpor The waste activities proposed for each of the buildings is based on PANDA's assessment of current and likely future market conditions. It is possible that future changes in the types and quantities of wastes collected by PADNA, for example if there is an increase in C&D wastes being generated, may require the reconfiguration of site operations. This will not affect the handling of the food waste and residual wastes which will only be carried out in a building provided with an active odour control system.



## Attachment D.2 Waste Types & Quantities

The maximum annual tonnage of waste that will be accepted are shown on the table below.

| Waste Type        | Tonnes  |
|-------------------|---------|
| C&D               | 40,000  |
| Dry Recyclables   | 60,000  |
| Paper & Cardboard | 100,000 |
| Residual Waste    | 30,000  |
| Food Waste        | 20,000  |
| Total             | 250,000 |

Table D2.1Total Waste Inputs

Note: The quantities of the different categories may vary subject to market conditions, but the overall limit of 250,000 tonnes will not be exceeded.

The individual EWC codes of the wastes that may be accepted at the site are shown in Table D.2 (i). Given the mixed nature of the waste accepted at the facility it is not possible to provide accurate predictions of the future quantities of waste broken down into individual EWC codes. Estimates are provided in Table D.2(i) derived from the wastes accepted in 2013 and PANDA's assessment of likely future market conditions.

None of the wastes accepted are classified rasis animal by-products in accordance with Regulation 1069/2009 and identify the relevant wastes.

| EWC Code | Waste description<br>(the actual description of the waste, not the text | Tonnes per annum<br>(existing) | Tonnes per annum<br>(proposed)          |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|          | accompanying the EWC code)                                              | (                              | (1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1. |
| 02 03 04 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 02 06 01 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
|          |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 15 01 01 | Cardboard Packaging                                                     | 10,000                         | 25,000                                  |
| 15 01 02 | Plastic Packaging                                                       | 2,000                          | 10,000                                  |
| 15 01 03 | Wooden Packaging                                                        | 100                            | 1,000                                   |
| 15 01 04 | Metallic Packaging                                                      | 100                            | 100                                     |
| 15 01 05 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 15 01 06 | Mixed Packaging                                                         | 500                            | 3,000                                   |
| 15 01 07 | Glass Packaging                                                         | 0                              | 1,000                                   |
| 15 01 09 | All Han Har                                                             |                                |                                         |
|          | Store Store                                                             |                                |                                         |
| 16 01 03 | End of life tyres                                                       | 0                              | 100                                     |
| 16 03 06 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 16 05 04 | necti sinc.                                                             |                                |                                         |
| 16 05 05 | in <sup>st</sup> ht <sup>o</sup>                                        |                                |                                         |
|          | Forphie                                                                 |                                |                                         |
| 17 01 01 | Stort Statement                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 01 02 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 01 03 | Colt                                                                    |                                |                                         |
| 17 01 07 | C&D waste – concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics                        | 1,000                          | 5,000                                   |
| 17 01 11 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 02 01 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 02 02 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 02 03 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 03 02 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 04 01 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 04 02 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 04 03 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 04 04 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |
| 17 04 05 |                                                                         |                                |                                         |

| EWC Code | Waste description<br>(the <u>actual</u> description of the waste, not the text | Tonnes per annum<br>(existing) | Tonnes per annum<br>(proposed) |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|          | accompanying the EWC code)                                                     |                                |                                |
| 17 04 06 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 04 07 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 05 03 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 05 04 | Soil and Stones                                                                | 4,000                          | 10,000                         |
| 17 06 01 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 06 03 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 06 04 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 08 01 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 17 08 02 | Gypsum-based construction materials                                            | 100                            | 1,000                          |
| 17 09 01 |                                                                                | 1 USO                          |                                |
| 17 09 02 | l i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i                                        | Act.                           |                                |
| 17 09 03 | 53° 553                                                                        |                                |                                |
| 17 09 04 | Mixed C&D Waste                                                                | 40,400                         | 35,000                         |
|          | all <sup>os</sup> tie <sup>ct</sup>                                            |                                |                                |
| 18 01 04 | Direct Contraction                                                             |                                |                                |
|          | -ectiv suffer                                                                  |                                |                                |
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| 19 09 02 | Forvire                                                                        |                                |                                |
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| 19 12 02 | atto                                                                           |                                |                                |
| 19 12 03 | COL                                                                            |                                |                                |
| 19 12 04 | č                                                                              |                                |                                |
| 19 12 05 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 19 12 07 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 19 12 08 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 19 12 09 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 19 12 10 | Combustible waste                                                              | 0                              | 1,000                          |
| 19 12 11 |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 19 12 12 | Other wastes (pre-treated)                                                     | 1,000                          | 4,000                          |
|          |                                                                                |                                |                                |
| 20 01 01 | Paper and Cardboard                                                            | 500                            | 30,000                         |
| 20 01 02 | Glass                                                                          | 100                            | 1,000                          |

| EWC Code | Waste description                                         | Tonnes per annum | Tonnes per annum |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|          | (the <u>actual</u> description of the waste, not the text | (existing)       | (proposed)       |
|          | accompanying the EWC code)                                |                  |                  |
| 20 01 08 | biodegradable kitchen and canteen waste (brown bin)       |                  | 20,000           |
| 20 01 11 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 21 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 23 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 33 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 34 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 35 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 36 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 37 |                                                           |                  |                  |
| 20 01 38 |                                                           | x 1150°          |                  |
| 20 01 39 | Plastic                                                   | No.              | 10,000           |
| 20 01 40 | Metals 🔊                                                  | 500              | 1,000            |
| 20 02 01 | et a for                                                  |                  |                  |
| 20 02 02 | all <sup>o</sup> ile <sup>c</sup>                         |                  |                  |
| 20 02 03 | and treat                                                 |                  |                  |
| 20 03 01 | MSW Municipal Waste (Black Bin)                           | 0                | 30,000           |
| 20 03 01 | Dry Mixed Recyclables                                     | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| 20 03 02 | FONTIE                                                    |                  |                  |
| 20 03 03 | A COT                                                     |                  |                  |
| 20 03 07 | Bulky Waste                                               | 100              | 1,000            |
| 20 03 99 | Cons                                                      |                  |                  |



Figure D.2.1 Dry Recyclables Waste

#### **Attachment D2.2 Waste Acceptance Procedures**

The wastes accepted at the facility are and will be subject to documented waste acceptance procedures (SOP 8 and 13) to ensure that only suitable wastes are accepted. The waste is delivered by PANDA collection vehicles and third parties, including permitted waste collectors and commercial waste producers. The facility does not accept waste from either members of the general public, or from waste contractors who do not have a contract with PANDA.

The C&D and C&I waste is typically delivered in covered open top trailers and skips. The Dry Recyclables and Paper & Cardboard will be delivered in enclosed rear end loaders, curtain sided trailers, compactors and multi lift bins. The household residual waste and food wastes will typically be delivered in enclosed rear end loaders.

All waste delivery vehicles are obliged to enter onto the weighbridge at the site entrance, where they are weighed and any relevant accompanying documentation checked. The vehicles are then directed to the relevant off-loading areas inside the buildings. Any waste identified as not suitable following off-loading will be immediately removed to the designated quarantine area inside each building where it will be stored pending removal to an appropriately authorised waste. PANDA maintains records of the waste type, quantity and ultimate disposal/treatment facility.

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# Attachment D 2.3 Waste and Material Outputs from Waste Activities.

All wastes accepted at the installation, with the exception of the household food waste, will be treated so as to maximise their recovery/recycling potential.

The source segregated household and commercial dry recyclables; along with the source segregated paper and cardboard, are baled and sent to off-site recycling facilities, which include paper mills.

The mixed household and commercial dry recyclables will be processed on site to separate the materials into different recyclable and non-recyclable categories. The recyclable fractions will be sent to off-site recycling facilities. The non-recyclables will be suitable for use as refuse derived fuel at installations that are classified as recovery activities.

The food waste will be bulked up and transferred to appropriately authorised biological treatment plants (composting and Anaerobic Digestion) in Ireland.

The acit is a source segregation policy to maximise the recovery of potential recyclable materials from these wastes. The mobile plant is subject to on-site maintenance and the waste oils and batteries generated during maintenance are removed off-site for disposal/recovery at licensed treatment/recovery facilities.

The oil interceptor on the surface water drainage system is foutinely cleaned and emptied and the contents removed off-site for disposal/treatment at an appropriately licensed site.

# D 2.4 Principles of Self-Sufficiency and Proximity

The current Waste Management Plan for the Dublin Region (Fingal, Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown & South Dublin) was made on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 and remains in place until a new Regional Plan is made. The Plan recognises that source separation of household, commercial and industrial waste is crucial to the successful development of sustainable markets for recyclable materials and recommends the introduction of source segregation of household waste.

The Plan identifies that there are still significant deficits in the infrastructure to manage wastes generated in Dublin and this is increasing costs and making it more difficult to achieve recycling targets. The Plan maintains the emphasis on maximising recycling and reuse for all waste streams and sets the following recycling targets to be achieved by 2013.

| Source                      | Recycling |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Household                   | 60%       |
| Commercial/Industrial       | 41%       |
| Construction and Demolition | 82%       |
| Total                       | 59%       |

The Plan has specific objectives in relation to the introduction and promotion of source separation of the organic waste component of both household and commercial and industrial wastes. The introduction of separate collection of food waste, in conjunction with the separate collection of dry recyclables will result in residual MSW. Such waste is amenable to mechanical treatment to produce materials suitable for recycling and energy recovery. It is an objective that Dublin become self-reliant in terms of waste management infrastructure and that waste generated in Dublin should be managed in Dublin, in so far as this is possible.

When PANDA first applied for planning permission at the site it was intended that the facility would be developed in three stages. Stage 1-C&D and C&I processing with an annual capacity of 50,000 tonnes; Stage 2-Dry Recyclables processing with an annual capacity of 200,000 tonnes, and Stage 3-MSW processing bringing the total capacity to 250,000 tonnes/year.

The staged development was based on the planned progressive expansion of PANDA's business in the Greater Dublin Region, with an initial focus on the C&D market and an overall objective of allowing of rolling out source segregated waste collection services to household and commercial customers.

In December 2005 approval was granted solely for the development of Stage 1 due to the condition of the local road network at the time. Subsequently planning permission was granted for the development of Stage 2. PANDA expanded its source segregated commercial waste service and in 2008 and 2009 began the roll out household waste collection service in Fingal. In 2011 PANDA won the tender awarded by Fingal County Council to collect household waste.

PANDA's household collection service includes a three bin system for dry recyclables, mixed residual waste and food waste to over 70,000 households in Fingal and PANDA continues to operate the waiver system introduced by the Council. The provision of source segregation

collection to households is an integral part of national waste management strategy and its purpose is to maximise recovery and minimise disposal. The breakdown of the household waste collected by PANDA annually in Fingal is:

| Dry Recyclables | 16,200 tonnes |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Food Waste      | 18,900 tonnes |
| Residual Waste  | 28,000 tonnes |

As the household residual and food waste cannot be accepted at the Cappagh Road MRF, it must be transported to the nearest PANDA operated waste facility, which is the Ballymount Waste Transfer Station, in the kerbside collection vehicles that then return to their collection routes.

The requirement to drive the collection vehicles directly to the Ballymount Transfer Station generates an annual total travel distance of 427,744 kilometres, comprising the trips from the Cappagh Road MRF to the collection routes and from the collection routes to the Ballymount Transfer Station. This does not include the distance covered during the kerbside collection.

At an estimated fuel consumption rate of 2.55 kilometres per litre, the refuse collection vehicle travel between the Cappagh Road MRF and the Ballymount Transfer Station uses 167,743 litres annually. At 2.68kg of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) per litre of diesel consumed, this equates to an annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emission of 449,551kgs of CO<sub>2</sub>.

The transport of the household wastes from the kerbside collection areas to the Ballymount Transfer Station is a major operational cost to PANDA, but more importantly results in significant emission of GHG. In the long term this is neither environmentally nor economically sustainable.

The proposed changes are consistent with national and regional waste policy objectives in relation to the provision of a network of facilities for the recovery of household waste that is required to achieve and maintain national and regional recycling targets. There is a clear need for household waste collected in Fingal to be managed in the county, with a consequent contribution to a reduction in GGH emissions from the transport sector.