

Attachment 1.1 Reason for Licence Review

This application is for a review of the existing Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd (hereafter referred to as DWtE) Licence Register number W0232-01. This review is in relation to a proposed licence amendment to increase the permitted maximum annual quantity of waste to be accepted at the DWtE facility from 600,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) to 690,000 tpa (an increase of 15%).

An Bord Pleanála (ABP) granted permission for the Facility on the 19th November 2007 under section 226 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) with 13 no. conditions attached. The planning conditions attached to the Board's grant of permission do not explicitly restrict the maximum capacity of the facility to 600,000 tonnes per annum. Regarding the capacity of the facility, the ABP Inspector stated:

"Having regard to the contents of the EIS, the submissions to the oral hearing and the report of the Inspector (Including expert reports) the Board considered that the design capacity of the facility, proposed to be reduced by the Inspector in relation to the assimilative capacity of the area (recommended Condition No. 1), was justified with regard to the projected waste arisings, after prevention and recycling, and with regard to traffic Impacts. The Board further considered that any concerns with regard to air and water pollution were not such as to justify a reduction in the design capacity of the facility and detailed process design is best controlled through licensing. The Board. therefore decided to approve the capacity as proposed and considered that any restriction that might be necessary would be more appropriately dealt with by the EPA through the licensing of the activity."

The Facility was issued with a Waste Licence from the EPA (reference W0232-01) on the 1st December 2008 with a capacity limit of 600,000 tonnes per annum as set out in Schedule A.1 of licence W0232-01. This capacity limit was proposed by the licensee during the application process.

This licence review consists solely of an increase of 90,000 tonnes (15%) in the annual capacity of the DWtE facility. No physical amendments to the consented operational facility or changes to any previously consented emission limit values are necessary to facilitate this capacity increase.

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