

MAXIMUM WASTE ACCEPTANCE

It is proposed to limit the rate of intake of inert soil and stone for future backfilling and recovery purposes at the South Quarry at Huntstown to a maximum of 750,000 tonnes per annum (for all waste streams combined), in line with planning permission.

As much of the imported waste materials are / will be recovered immediately through placement on, in or over the ground, without the requirement for any further treatment, there is essentially no physical restriction on the rate of soil and stone recovery at the Huntstown facilities other than the amount of earthmoving plant available to place and compact the material in-situ.

The restriction on the waste recovery rate to a maximum rate of 750,000 tonnes per annum (in total) is essentially set by the existing overarching planning permission for continuation of extraction and restoration activities at the Huntstown Quarry complex (Ref. FW12A/0022).

Traffic impact assessment studies (presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared in support of the above-referenced planning application confirm that, at a rate of soil waste importation of 750,000 tonnes per annum, there will be no adverse impact on the carrying capacity of the adjoining R135 Regional Road (the former N2 National Primary Road, also known locally as the 'North Road'), no adverse impact on the capacity of the existing access junction to the Huntstown Quarry complex and no adverse traffic safety implications.

All of the waste topsoil / soil and stone imported for backfilling and restoration purposes will originate from construction and development related works and as such will be classified / categorised as construction and demolition waste.

None of the imported waste will have any properties which would render it hazardous. As such it will all be classified as non-hazardous.

Although all of the foregoing is forward looking and focussed on the future extension of the waste licence area to Huntstown South Quarry, it is intended that ongoing, established soil waste intake to Huntstown North Quarry will continue at the current approved intake rate of 1,500,000 tonnes per annum in the interim, in accordance with a separate planning permission (Ref. FW16A/0120) and the existing waste licence (W0277-03).

The existing waste licence also provides for importation and recovery of up to 95,000 tonnes of construction and demolition (C&D) waste at Huntstown (in addition to that permitted for soil waste recovery purposes). It is envisaged that this will remain unchanged as a result of this waste licence review.