

Attachment-6-3-7 Project and Thresholds for Planning

Planning was required for the data storage facilities at the site. The planning history of the site is set out in Attachment 6-1 Stakeholder-Engagement. The Installation received Final Grant of planning permission from Fingal County Council (FCC) and An Bord Pleanála (ABP) under the separate applications listed below:

- Building A; grant of permission on 25 April 2017 (FCC Reg. Ref.: FW17A/0025 and final grant of permission on 16 January 2018 under ABP Reg Ref. L06F.248544).
- Building B and C; final grant of permission on 27 August 2019 (FCC Reg. Ref.: FW19A/0087).

All planning permissions for the data storage facilities that are relevant to the Licence application under Class 2.1 of the EPA Act 1992 (as amended) have been granted on site.

Schedule 5 Activities

Ireland's list of Projects for which an EIA is required are set out in Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018. This list was developed from Annex I and Annex II of the EIA Directive. The proposed activity is not directly listed under Annex I of the EIA Directive or Part 1, Schedule 5, or Part 2, Schedule 5.

It is considered that most relevant development class in the context of the proposed Project under Part 2, Schedule 5 is Class 10(a):

“Industrial estate development projects...where the area would exceed 15 hectares”

The development is within an Industrial Estate and as the total site area is c. 18.623 hectares and so exceeds the limit, quantity or threshold set out in Part 2, Schedule 5 is Class 10(a).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relating to Building A was prepared by AWN Consulting et. al. dated March 2017 with addendum dated September 2017. This EIS was previously submitted to FCC and ABP and is included with this IE Licence application as Attachment-6-3-6-EIS-Planning-Jan-2018 and Attachment-6-3-6-EIS-Addendum-Jan-2018. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) relating to Building B and Building C, was prepared by AWN Consulting et. al. dated May 2019. This EIAR was previously submitted to FCC and is included with Attachment 6-3-6-EIAR-Aug-2019 of the IE Licence application).

The IE Licence application has been accompanied by Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports which have been previously submitted to Fingal County Council (FCC) and An Bord Pleanála (ABP). These reports have been included with the submission to the Agency as part of this IE license application and referenced according to the month of the Final Grant of permission. A copy of the relevant AA Screening Report is provided within Section 6 of the IE Licence application relating to Building A (Attachment-6-3-4-AA Screening-Planning-Jan-2018 and Attachment-6-3-4-AA Screening-Appeal-Jan-2018) and relating to Building B and C (Attachment-6-3-4-AA Screening-Planning-Aug-2019).