

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 has received Final Grant of planning permission from South Dublin County Council (SDCC) under the separate applications listed below:

- Building W; final grant of permission on 2 April 2012 (DCC Reg. Ref.: 3534/11).
- Building X and Y; final grant of permission on 19 August 2013 (DCC Reg. Ref.: 2688/13), and final grant of permission on 24 October 2013 DCC Reg. Ref.: 2979/13).

All planning permissions for the data storage facilities that are relevant to this Licence application under Class 2.1 of the EPA Act 1992 (as amended) have been granted on site (refer to Section 6 of this licence application). Any further information relating to the environmental assessment of the activity is made available and contained within Section 7 of this licence application.

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):

10. Infrastructure projects

- (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. 7.9 hectares and so does not exceed the limit, quantity or threshold set out in Part 2, Schedule 5 is Class 10(a).

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report relating to this activity has been prepared and included with the submission to the Agency as part of this IE licence application. A copy of the relevant EIA Screening Report is provided within Section 6 of the IE Licence application Attachment-6-3-6-EIAS-Planning-Apr-2022.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening (AA) has been prepared as part of this IE License application for Building W, Building X and Building Y, and is included as Attachment-6-3-6-AA-Licence-Apr-2022.