

The current licence authorises the acceptance for 270,000 tonnes of non-hazardous waste comprising 125,000 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste, 100,000 tonnes of Commercial & Industrial Waste and 45,000 tonnes of Construction & Demolition wastes. The amount of each waste type can be varied with the agreement of the Agency, provided the maximum tonnage of 270,000 tonnes is not exceeded.

It is proposed to increase the annual waste intake from 270,000 to 450,000 tonnes. It is not proposed to accept additional waste types and the annual intake will comprise 210,000 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste, 170,000 tonnes of Commercial & Industrial Waste and 70,000 tonnes of Construction & Demolition Waste. Approval is sought to retain the capacity to vary the actual quantity of each waste type subject to the Agency's approval.

Under normal circumstance the annual waste intake will be 400,000 based on current market trends. To avoid the reoccurrence of the 2019 and 2021 shortfalls in national waste treatment capacity due to the unexpected shut down of a waste to energy facility in the Netherlands (2019) and fire at the large recycling facility in Dublin (2021), approval is sought for the acceptance of an additional 50,000 tonnes as a contingency measure.