

APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A WASTE LICENCE

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, D02 WK12 is applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Waste Licence for a site at Howth Harbour, Howth, Co. Dublin. Grid Ref E328298 N239563. It is being proposed to dredge seabed material from within the harbour to provide better water access to the fishing, marine commercial, leisure, and RNLI craft using the harbour. It is then proposed to carry out stabilisation/solidification (SS) of the dredge material to recover it for use as backfill in the forming of a reclaimed area of land on the west side of the West Pier. The reclaimed area will be used for public realm, water access for leisure users, car parking and hard standing areas that will be used for storage areas for existing harbour leisure users and the harbour authority. Site plant will include barges, excavators, trucks, mixing/treatment plant with associated pumps and pipework and temporary site offices. The proposed input is a total of 240,000m³ of treated non-hazardous dredge material over a period of 18 months. The proposed classes of activity as per the Forth Schedule of the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended) are: *R05 (Principal activity) - Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic materials, which includes soil cleaning resulting in recovery of the soil and recycling of inorganic construction materials. *R11 - Use of waste obtained from any of the operations numbered R 1 to R 10. *R13 - Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R 1 to R 12 (excluding temporary storage (being preliminary storage according to the definition of 'collection' in section 5(1)), pending collection, on the site where the waste is produced)". An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared and will be submitted to the Agency with the application. A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared and will be submitted to the Agency with the application. A copy of the application for a waste licence, the environmental impact assessment report and any opinion issued by the Agency on the scope of that report, where applicable, such further information, including reports and advice, relating to the environmental impact assessment as may be furnished to the Agency in the course of the Agency's consideration of the application, shall, as soon as is practicable after receipt by the Agency, be available on the Agency's website and a copy of such information shall be available for inspection or purchase at the headquarters of the Agency during office hours. Pursuant to Article 17 of the Waste Management (Licencing) Regulations 2004 SI No. 395 of 2004 the activity that is the subject of the application is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment of another Member State. Pursuant to section 42(2) of the Act, a draft decision shall be published by the Agency. The arrangements for public participation, include (i) the right of the public to make a written submission under article 15, and (ii) the right of the public to make an objection against a proposed decision under section 42(3) of the Act.