

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

Planning permission was required for the data storage facilities at the Installation. 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 Dublin County Council (DCC) 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)
- Building U and V: final grant of permission on 05 July 2019 DCC Reg Ref.: 2229/19, and 18 November 2020 DCC Reg. Ref.:18 November 2020, and on 24 August 2022 DCC Reg. Ref. 3641/21.

All planning permissions for the data storage facilities that are relevant to this Licence review application under Class 2.1 of the EPA Act 1992 (as amended) have been granted. All relevant 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 activity is not listed under Annex I of the EIA Directive, or Part 1, Schedule 5, or Part 2, Schedule 5.

The most relevant development class in the context of the overall activity, including the extended Installation, 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 overall development, including the extended part of the Installation, is within an Industrial Estate and as the combined total site area is c. 9.963 hectares and therefore does not exceed the limit, quantity or threshold set out in Part 2, Schedule 5.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening was carried out for the currently licenced part of the Installation (P1186-01), a copy of the relevant EIA Screening Report is provided within Section 6 of this IE Licence review application (Attachment 6-3-2-EIA Screening-Licence-Apr-2022).

An EIA Screening was carried out for the extended area of the Installation, a copy of the relevant EIA Screening Report is provided within Section 6 of this IE Licence review application (Attachment-6-3-2-EIA Screening-Planning-Aug-2022).

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening assessments have been prepared as part of this IE Licence Review application for Buildings W, X and Y (included as Attachment-6-3-4-AA Screening Licence-Apr-2022), and for Buildings U and V (included as Attachment-6-3-4-AA Screening Planning-Aug 2022).