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1.0 INTRODUCTION

AWN Consulting Ltd. (AWN) has prepared this Operational Waste Management Plan (OWMP) on behalf of The Land Development Agency. The proposed development will consist of the demolition of all existing structures on site, including the existing maisonettes and the existing community facility known as the Bungalow (which is being relocated within the site), and the construction of a residential development set out in 5 no. blocks, ranging in height from 5 to 9 storeys to accommodate 383 no. apartments, 3 no. community/cultural units and a crèche and associated and ancillary areas on an approx. 2.9ha site at Bluebell Road, Dublin 12.

This OWMP has been prepared to ensure that the management of waste during the operational phase of the proposed development is undertaken in accordance with the current legal and industry standards including, the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended and associated Regulations¹, Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended², Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended³, the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024 - 2030 (NWMPCE) (2024)⁴, and Dublin City Council (DCC) 'Dublin City Council (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws' 2018⁵. In particular, this OWMP aims to provide a robust strategy for the storage, handling, collection and transport of the wastes generated at Site.

This OWMP aims to ensure maximum recycling, reuse and recovery of waste with diversion from landfill, wherever possible. The OWMP also seeks to provide guidance on the appropriate collection and transport of waste to prevent issues associated with litter or more serious environmental pollution (e.g. contamination of soil or water resources). The plan estimates the type and quantity of waste to be generated from the proposed development during the operational phase and provides a strategy for managing the different waste streams.

At present, there are no specific national guidelines in Ireland for the preparation of OWMPs. Therefore, in preparing this document, consideration has been given to the requirements of national and regional waste policy, legislation and other guidelines.

This OWMP has been prepared as per the requirements set out by the Home Performance Index (HPI) Technical Manual (V3.0) (2022)⁶.

2.0 OVERVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN IRELAND

2.1 National Level

The Irish Government issued a policy statement in September 1998 entitled '*Changing Our Ways*'⁷, which identified objectives for the prevention, minimisation, reuse, recycling, recovery and disposal of waste in Ireland. A heavy emphasis was placed on reducing reliance on landfill and finding alternative methods for managing waste. Amongst other things, *Changing Our Ways* stated a target of at least 35% recycling of municipal (i.e. household, commercial and non-process industrial) waste.

A further policy document, '*Preventing and Recycling Waste – Delivering Change*' was published in 2002⁸. This document proposed a number of programmes to increase recycling of waste and allow diversion from landfill. The need for waste minimisation at source was considered a priority.

This view was also supported by a review of sustainable development policy in Ireland and achievements to date, which was conducted in 2002, entitled '*Making Ireland's Development Sustainable – Review, Assessment and Future Action*'⁹. This document also stressed the need to decouple economic growth and waste generation, again through waste minimisation and reuse of discarded material.

In order to establish the progress of the Government policy document *Changing Our Ways*, a review document was published in April 2004 entitled '*Taking Stock and Moving Forward*'¹⁰. Covering the period 1998 – 2003, the aim of this document was to assess progress to date with regard to waste management in Ireland, to consider developments since the policy framework and the local authority waste management plans were put in place, and to identify measures that could be undertaken to further support progress towards the objectives outlined in *Changing Our Ways*.

In particular, *Taking Stock and Moving Forward* noted a significant increase in the amount of waste being brought to local authority landfills. The report noted that one of the significant challenges in the coming years was the extension of the dry recyclable collection services.

In September 2020, the Irish Government published a new policy document outlining a new action plan for Ireland to cover the period of 2020-2025. This plan '*A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy*'¹¹ (WAPCE), was prepared in response to the 'European Green Deal' which sets a roadmap for a transition to a new economy, where climate and environmental challenges are turned into opportunities, replacing the previous national waste management plan "*A Resource Opportunity*" (2012).

The WAPCE sets the direction for waste planning and management in Ireland up to 2025. This reorientates policy from a focus on managing waste to a much greater focus on creating circular patterns of production and consumption. Other policy statements of a number of public bodies already acknowledge the circular economy as a national policy priority.

The policy document contains over 200 measures across various waste areas including circular economy, municipal waste, consumer protection and citizen engagement, plastics and packaging, construction and demolition, textiles, green public procurement and waste enforcement.

One of the first actions to be taken was the development of the Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy 2022-2023 '*Living More, Using Less*' (2021)¹² to set a course for Ireland to transition across all sectors and at all levels of Government toward circularity and was issued in December 2021. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be updated in full every 18 months to 2 years.

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022¹³ was signed into law in July 2022. The Act underpins Ireland's shift from a "take-make-waste" linear model to a more sustainable pattern of production and consumption, that retains the value of resources in our economy for as long as possible and that will to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. The Act defines Circular Economy for the first time in Irish law, incentivises the use of recycled and reusable alternatives to wasteful, single-use disposable packaging, introduces a mandatory segregation and incentivised charging regime for commercial waste, streamlines the national processes for End-of-Waste and By-Products decisions, tackling the delays which can be encountered by industry, and supporting the availability of recycled secondary raw materials in the Irish market, and tackles illegal fly-tipping and littering.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage authored *Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024)*¹⁴, suggests the below thresholds at which the need for the supplemental information such as the OWMP should be considered.

- 30 or more residential units,
- 1,000 sq. metres of mixed-use development

Since 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has produced periodic *'National Waste (Database) Reports'* which as of 2023 have been renamed *Circular Economy and Waste Statistics Highlight Reports*¹⁵ detailing, among other things, estimates for household and commercial (municipal) waste generation in Ireland and the level of recycling, recovery and disposal of these materials. The 2021 National Circular Economy and Waste Statistics web resource, which is the most recent study published, along with the national waste statistics web resource (November 2023) reported the following key statistics for 2020:

- **Generated** – Ireland produced 3,170,000 t of municipal waste in 2021. This is a 1% decrease since 2020. This means that the average person living in Ireland generated 630 kg of municipal waste in 2021.
- **Managed** – Waste collected and treated by the waste industry. In 2020, a total of 3,137,000 t of municipal waste was managed and treated.
- **Unmanaged** – An estimated 33,000 tonnes of this was unmanaged waste i.e., not disposed of in the correct manner in 2021.
- **Recovered** – The amount of waste recycled, used as a fuel in incinerators, or used to cover landfilled waste. In Ireland 42% of Municipal waste was treated by energy recovery through incineration in 2021.
- **Recycled** – Just over 1.3 million tonnes of municipal waste generated in Ireland was recycled in 2021, resulting in a recycling rate of 41 per cent. The recycling rate remains unchanged from 2020 and indicates that we face significant challenges to meet the upcoming EU recycling targets of 55% by 2025 and 65% by 2035.
- **Disposed** – The proportion of municipal waste sent to landfill also remains unchanged at 16% the same as 2020.
- **Reuse** – 54,800 tonnes of second-hand products we estimated by the EPA to have been reused in Ireland in 2021. The average annual Reuse rate per person in Ireland is 10.6 kg per person.

2.2 Regional Level

The proposed development is located in the Local Authority administrative area of Dublin City Council (DCC).

The Eastern Midlands Region (EMR) Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021 has been superseded as of March 2024 by the NWMPCE 2024 - 2030. The NWMPCE is the new national waste management plan for Ireland which replace the previous 3 regional waste management plans.

The NWMPCE does not dissolve the three regional waste areas. The NWCPCE sets the ambition of the plan to have a 0% total waste growth per person over the life of the Plan with an emphasis on non-household wastes including waste from commercial activities and the construction and demolition sector.

This Plan seeks to influence sustainable consumption and prevent the generation of waste, improve the capture of materials to optimise circularity and enable compliance with policy and legislation.

The national plan sets out the following strategic targets for waste management in the country that are relevant to the development:

National Targets

1A. (Residual Municipal Waste) 6% Reduction in Residual Municipal Waste per person by 2030

2A. (Contamination of Materials) 90% of Material in Compliance in the Dry Recycling Bin

2B. (Material Compliance Residual) 10% per annum increase in Material Compliance in the residual bin. (90% by the end of 2030)

3A. (Reuse of Materials) 20kg Per person / year – Reuse of materials like cloths or furniture to prevent waste.

Municipal landfill charges in Ireland are based on the weight of waste disposed. In the Leinster Region, charges are approximately €140-160 per tonne of waste, which includes a €85 per tonne landfill levy introduced under the Waste Management (Landfill Levy) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

The *Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028*¹⁶ sets out a number of policies and objectives for Dublin City in line with the objectives of the National climate action policy and emphasises the need to take action to address climate action across all sectors of society and the economy. In the waste sector, policy on climate action is focused on a shift towards a 'circular economy' encompassing three core principles: designing out waste and pollution; keeping products and material in use; and regenerating natural systems. Further policies and objectives can be found within the draft development plan.

Policies:

- *CA7 F: minimising the generation of site and construction waste and maximising reuse or recycling.*
- *CA22: The Circular economy: To support the shift towards the circular economy approach as set out in 'a Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy 2020 to 2025, Ireland's National Waste Policy, or as updated.*
- *CA23: To have regard to existing Best Practice Guidance on Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects as well as any future updates to these guidelines in order to ensure the consistent application of planning requirements.*
- *SI27: Sustainable Waste Management: To support the principles of the circular economy, good waste management and the implementation of best practice in relation to waste management in order for Dublin City and the Region to become self-sufficient in terms of resource and waste management and to provide a waste management infrastructure that supports this objective.*
- *SI29: Segregated Storage and Collection of Waste Streams: To require new commercial and residential developments, to include adequate and easily accessible storage space that supports the separate collection of as many waste and recycling streams as possible, but at a minimum general domestic waste, dry recyclables and food waste as appropriate.*
- *SI30: To require that the storage and collection of mixed dry recyclables, organic and residual waste materials within proposed apartment schemes have regard to the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2018 (or and any future updated versions of these guidelines produced during the lifetime of this plan).*

Objectives:

- *SIO14 Local Recycling Infrastructure: To provide for a citywide network of municipal civic amenity facilities/ multi-material public recycling and reuse facilities in accessible locations throughout the city in line with the objectives of the circular economy and 15 minute city.*

- *SIO16 Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan: To support the implementation of the Eastern-Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015–2021 and any subsequent plans in order to facilitate the transition from a waste management economy towards a circular economy.*

2.3 Legislative Requirements

The primary legislative instruments that govern waste management in Ireland and applicable to the proposed development are:

- Waste Management Act 1996 as amended;
- Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended;
- Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended;
- Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended ¹⁷;
- Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022.

These Acts and subordinate Regulations transpose the relevant European Union Policy and Directives into Irish law.

One of the guiding principles of European waste legislation, which has in turn been incorporated into the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended and subsequent Irish legislation, is the principle of “Duty of Care”. This implies that the waste producer is responsible for waste from the time it is generated through until its legal disposal (including its method of disposal). As it is not practical in most cases for the waste producer to physically transfer all waste from where it is produced to the final disposal area, waste contractors will be employed to physically transport waste to the final waste disposal site.

It is, therefore, imperative that the residents, crèche tenants, community tenants and the proposed facilities management company undertake on-site management of waste in accordance with all legal requirements and that the facilities management company employ suitably permitted / licenced contractors to undertake off-site management of their waste in accordance with all legal requirements. This includes the requirement that a waste contractor handle, transport and reuse / recover / recycle / dispose of waste in a manner that ensures that no adverse environmental impacts occur as a result of any of these activities.

A collection permit to transport waste must be held by each waste contractor which is issued by the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO). Waste receiving facilities must also be appropriately permitted or licensed. Operators of such facilities cannot receive any waste, unless in possession of a Certificate of Registration (COR) or waste permit granted by the relevant Local Authority under the Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended, or a Waste Licence granted by the EPA. The COR / permit / licence held will specify the type and quantity of waste able to be received, stored, sorted, recycled, recovered and / or disposed of at the specified site.

2.3.1 Dublin City Council Waste Management Bye-Laws

The DCC “Dublin City Council (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws (2018)” were brought into force in May 2019. These bye-laws repeal the previous Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste. The bye-laws set a number of enforceable requirements on waste holders with regard to storage, separation and presentation of waste within the DCC administrative area. Key requirements under these bye-laws of relevance to the operational phase of the proposed development include the following:

- Kerbside waste presented for collection shall not be presented for collection earlier than 5.00 pm on the day immediately preceding the designated waste collection day;
- All containers used for the presentation of kerbside waste and any uncollected waste shall be removed from any roadway, footway, footpath or any other public place no later than 10:00 am on the day following the designated waste collection day, unless an alternative arrangement has been approved in accordance with bye-law 2.3;
- Documentation, including receipts, is obtained and retained for a period of no less than one year to provide proof that any waste removed from the premises has been managed in a manner that conforms to these bye-laws, to the Waste Management Act and, where such legislation is applicable to that person, to the European Union (Household Food Waste and Bio-Waste) Regulations 2015; and
- Adequate access and egress onto and from the premises by waste collection vehicles is maintained.

The full text of the bye-laws is available from the DCC website.

2.4 Regional Waste Management Service Providers and Facilities

Various contractors offer waste collection services for the residential sector in the DCC region. Details of waste collection permits (granted, pending and withdrawn) for the region are available from the NWCPO.

As outlined in the regional waste management plan, there is a decreasing number of landfills available in the region. Only three municipal solid waste landfills remain operational and all are operated by the private sector. There are a number of other licensed and permitted facilities in operation in the region including waste transfer stations, hazardous waste facilities and integrated waste management facilities. There are two existing thermal treatment facilities, one in Duleek, Co. Meath and a second in Poolbeg in Dublin.

There is a Recycling Centre at Windmill Road Civic Amenity Centre, D12 C6T8, located c.3.7 km to the south-east of the proposed development site, which can be utilised by the residents of the proposed development for other household waste streams while a bring bank can be found c. 0.4 km to the west at the Cottage Inn Pub, D12RK51, where residents can dispose of green, brown and clear glass.

A copy of all CORs and waste permits issued by the Local Authorities are available from the NWCPO website and all Waste Licenses issued are available from the EPA.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Location, Size and Scale of the Development

The proposed development includes for demolition of existing above ground structures on site, including the existing maisonettes and the existing community facility known as the Bungalow (which is being relocated within the site), and the construction of a residential development set out in 5 no. blocks, ranging in height from 5 to 9 storeys to accommodate 383 no. apartments, 3 no. community/cultural units and a crèche.

The primary site access is via a new entrance from Bluebell Road at the junction with La Touche Drive which includes for a new pedestrian crossing, with secondary access for pedestrians and cyclists only, from Bluebell Avenue. Car parking is provided at both below podium level and at surface level with secure bicycle parking for residents,

visitors and cargo bikes provided throughout the scheme. Access is provided through the scheme onto the Grand Canal for pedestrians and cyclists.

The development also includes for a centrally landscaped public realm and an area of linear open space along the western corridor of the site which includes a play area, biodiversity planting, relocated allotments and provides access and permeability to the Grand Canal. The proposed application includes all site landscaping works, green roofs, boundary treatments, lighting, servicing, signage, and associated and ancillary works, including site development works above and below ground.

A full description is provided in the Statutory Notices.

3.2 Typical Waste Categories

The typical non-hazardous and hazardous wastes that will be generated at the proposed development will include the following:

- Dry Mixed Recyclables (DMR) - includes waste paper (including newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogues, leaflets), cardboard and plastic packaging, metal cans, plastic bottles, aluminium cans, tins and Tetra Pak cartons;
- Organic waste – food waste and green waste generated from internal plants / flowers;
- Glass; and
- Mixed Non-Recyclable (MNR)/General Waste.

In addition to the typical waste materials that will be generated at the proposed development on a daily basis, there will be some additional waste types generated less frequently / in smaller quantities which will need to be managed separately including:

- Cans and Bottles (Deposit Return Scheme)
- Green / garden waste may be generated from external landscaping and internal plants / flowers;
- Batteries (both hazardous and non-hazardous);
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (both hazardous and non-hazardous);
- Printer cartridges / toners;
- Chemicals (paints, adhesives, resins, detergents, etc.);
- Light bulbs;
- Textiles;
- Waste cooking oil (if any generated by the residents, and crèche and community tenants);
- Furniture (and, from time to time, other bulky wastes); and
- Abandoned bicycles.

Wastes should be segregated into the above waste types to ensure compliance with waste legislation and guidance while maximising the re-use, recycling and recovery of waste with diversion from landfill wherever possible.

3.3 List of Waste Codes

In 1994, the *European Waste Catalogue*¹⁸ and *Hazardous Waste List*¹⁹ were published by the European Commission. In 2002, the EPA published a document titled the *European Waste Catalogue and Hazardous Waste List*²⁰, which was a condensed version of the original two documents and their subsequent amendments. This document has recently been replaced by the EPA '*Waste Classification – List of Waste & Determining if Waste is Hazardous or Non-Hazardous*'²¹ 2018. This waste classification system applies across the EU and is the basis for all national and

international waste reporting, such as those associated with waste collection permits, COR's, permits and licences and EPA National Waste Database.

Under the classification system, different types of wastes are fully defined by a code. The List of Waste (LoW) code for typical waste materials expected to be generated during the operation of the proposed development are provided in Table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1 Typical Waste Types Generated and LoW Codes

Waste Material	LoW/EWC Code
Paper and Cardboard	20 01 01
Plastics	20 01 39
Metals	20 01 40
Mixed Non-Recyclable Waste	20 03 01
Glass	20 01 02
Biodegradable Kitchen Waste	20 01 08
Oils and Fats	20 01 25
Textiles	20 01 11
Batteries and Accumulators*	20 01 33* - 34
Printer Toner/Cartridges*	20 01 27* - 28
Green Waste	20 02 01
WEEE *	20 01 35*-36
Chemicals (solvents, pesticides, paints & adhesives, detergents, etc.) *	20 01 13*/19*/27*/28/29*30
Fluorescent tubes and other mercury containing waste*	20 01 21*
Bulky Wastes	20 03 07

* Individual waste type may contain hazardous materials

4.0 ESTIMATED WASTE ARISING

A waste generation model (WGM) developed by AWN has been used to predict waste types, weights and volumes expected to arise from operations within the proposed development. The WGM incorporates building area and use and combines these with other data, including Irish and US EPA waste generation rates.

The estimated quantum / volume of waste that will be generated from the residential units has been determined based on the predicted occupancy of the units. While the floor area usage (m²) has been used to estimate the waste arising from the crèche and community units.

The estimated waste generation for the proposed development for the main waste types is presented in Tables 4.1 – 4.3.

Table 4.1 Estimated Waste Generation for Residential Block Units

Waste Type	Waste Volume (m ³ / week)		
	Residential Units Block 1 (Combined)	Residential Units Block 2 (Combined)	Residential Units Block 3A & 3B (Combined)
Organic Waste	1.21	1.36	1.13
DMR	8.54	9.29	8.02
Glass	0.23	0.26	0.22
MNR	4.49	5.40	4.21

Total	14.47	16.31	13.58
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Table 4.2 Estimated Waste Generation for Residential Block Units

Waste Type	Waste Volume (m ³ / week)	
	Residential Units Block 4A & 4B (Combined)	Residential Units Block 5 (Combined)
Organic Waste	1.09	0.96
DMR	7.69	6.81
Glass	0.21	0.19
MNR	4.05	3.58
Total	13.03	11.54

Table 4.3 Estimated Waste Generation for Community Units and Crèche

Waste Type	Waste Volume (m ³ / week)		
	Block 2, 3A and 3B Community Units (Combined)	Crèche Unit	Block 4B Community Unit
Organic Waste	0.04	0.03	0.02
DMR	0.80	1.10	0.44
Glass	0.33	0.00	0.18
MNR	0.02	0.60	0.01
Total	1.19	1.74	0.66

BS5906:2005 *Waste Management in Buildings – Code of Practice* ²² has been considered in the calculations of waste estimates. AWN's modelling methodology is based on recently published data and data from numerous other similar developments in Ireland and is based on AWN's experience, it provides a more representative estimate of the likely waste arisings from the proposed development.

5.0 WASTE STORAGE AND COLLECTION

This section provides information on how waste generated within the site will be stored and collected. This has been prepared with due consideration of the proposed site layout as well as best practice standards, local and national waste management requirements, including those of DCC. In particular, consideration has been given to the following documents:

- BS 5906:2005 *Waste Management in Buildings – Code of Practice*,
- The NWMPCE (2024);
- Dublin City Council Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (Appendix 7);
- DCC Dublin City Council (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws (2018); and
- DoHLGH, *Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2023) ²³.

Waste Storage Areas

Locations of all Waste Storage Areas (WSAs) can be viewed on the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover and in Appendix A of this report.

Residential Block 1

One (1 no.) shared WSA has been allocated within the proposed development design for this residential apartment block. This has been strategically located on the ground floor, in close proximity to the stair and lift cores.

Residential Block 2

One (1 no.) shared WSA has been allocated within the proposed development design for this residential apartment block. This has been strategically located on the ground floor level, in close proximity to stair and lift cores.

Residential Block 3A and 3B

Two (2 no.) shared WSAs have been allocated within the proposed development design for these residential apartment blocks. These have been located externally, close to the entrances of block 3A and 3B.

Residential Block 4A and 4B

One (1 no.) shared WSA has been allocated within the proposed development design for this residential apartment block.

Residential Block 5

One (1 no.) shared WSA has been allocated within the proposed development design for this residential apartment block.

Crèche and Community Units Block 2, 3A and 3B

Two (2 no.) WSAs have been allocated within the proposed development design for the crèche and community units in located in Block 2, 3A and 3B. One (1 no.) WSA for the crèche is located externally, to the south of the Blocks. One (1 no.) WSA for the community units is located on the ground floor.

Community Units Block 4B

One (1 no.) WSA has been allocated within the proposed development design for the community units in located in Block 4B.

Using the estimated waste generation volumes in Tables 4.1 – 4.3, above, the waste receptacle requirements for MNR, DMR, organic waste and glass have been established for the WSAs. It is envisaged that all waste will be collected on a weekly basis.

Waste Storage Requirements

Estimated waste storage requirements for the operational phase of the proposed development are detailed in Table 5.1, below.

Table 5.1 Waste storage requirements for the proposed development

Area/Use	Bins Required			
	MNR ¹	DMR ²	Glass	Organic
Block 1 Residential (Combined)	4 no. 1100 L 1 no. 240L	8 no. 1100 L	1 no. 240 L	5 no. 240 L
Block 2 Residential (Combined)	5 no. 1100 L	9 no. 1100 L	1 no. 240 L	6 no. 240 L
Block 3A and 3B Residential (Combined)	4 no. 1100 L	8 no. 1100 L	1 no. 240 L	5 no. 240 L
Block 4A and 4B Residential (Combined)	4 no. 1100 L	7 no. 1100 L	1 no. 240 L	5 no. 240 L
Block 4B Community Unit	1 no. 240 L	2 no. 240 L	1 no. 120 L	1 no. 120 L
Block 5 Residential (Combined)	3 no. 1100 L 1 no. 240L	6 no. 1100 L	1 no. 240 L	4 no. 240 L
Block 2, 3A and 3B Community Units	2 no. 240 L	3 no. 240 L	1 no. 120 L	1 no. 120 L
Block 2, 3A and 3B Crèche	3 no. 240 L	1 no. 1100 L	1 no. 120 L	1 no. 120 L

Note: 1 = Mixed Non-Recyclables

2 = Dry Mixed Recyclables

The waste receptacle requirements have been established from distribution of the total weekly waste generation estimate into the holding capacity of each receptacle type.

Waste storage receptacles as per Table 5.1 above (or similar appropriate approved containers) will be provided by the facilities management company in the WSAs.

The types of bins used will vary in size, design and colour dependent on the appointed waste contractor. However, examples of typical receptacles to be provided in the WSAs are shown in Figure 5.1. All waste receptacles used will comply with the SIST EN 840-1:2020 and SIST EN 840-2:2020 as the standards for performance requirements of mobile waste containers, where appropriate.



Figure 5.1 Typical waste receptacles of varying size (240L and 1100L)

Receptacles for organic, mixed dry recyclable, glass and mixed non-recyclable waste will be provided in the WSAs prior to first occupation of the proposed development i.e. prior to the first residential, crèche or community unit being occupied.

This Plan will be provided to each resident and tenant from first occupation of the proposed development i.e. once the residential, crèche or community unit is occupied. This Plan will be supplemented, as required, by the property management company with any new information on waste segregation, storage, reuse and recycling initiatives that are subsequently introduced.

5.1 Waste Storage – Residential Units

Residents will be required to segregate waste into the following main waste streams:

- DMR;
- MNR;
- Glass; and
- Organic waste.

Residents will be required to take their segregated waste materials to their designated WSAs and deposit their segregated waste into the appropriate bins. The location of the WSAs are illustrated in the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover and in Appendix 1 of this report.

Provision will be made in all residential units to accommodate 3 no. bin types to facilitate waste segregation at source. An example of a potential 3 bin storage system is provided in Figure 5.2 below.



Figure 5.2 Example three bin storage system to be provided within the unit design

Each bin / container in the WSAs will be clearly labelled and colour coded to avoid cross contamination of the different waste streams. Signage will be posted above or on the bins to show exactly which waste types can be placed in each bin.

Access to the apartment block WSAs will be restricted to authorised residents, facilities management and waste contractors by means of a key or electronic fob access.

Other waste materials such as textiles, batteries, printer toner / cartridges, light bulbs and WEEE may be generated infrequently by the residents. Residents will be required to identify suitable temporary storage areas for these waste items within their own units and dispose of them appropriately. Further details on additional waste types can be found in Section 5.5.

5.2 Waste Storage – Commercial Units (Crèche and Community Units)

The crèche and community tenants will be required to segregate waste within their own units into the following main waste types:

- Organic Waste;
- DMR;
- Glass; and
- MNR.

The crèche and community tenants will be required to take their segregated waste materials to their designated WSAs and deposit their segregated waste into the appropriate bins. The location of the crèche and community WSAs are illustrated in the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover.

Suppliers for the crèche and community tenants should be requested by the tenants to make deliveries in reusable containers, minimize packaging or remove any packaging after delivery, where possible, to reduce waste generated by the proposed development.

If any kitchens are allocated in unit areas, this will contribute a significant portion of the volume of waste generated on a daily basis, and as such it is important that adequate provision is made for the storage and transfer of waste from these areas to the WSAs.

If kitchens are required it is anticipated that waste will be generated in kitchens throughout the day, primarily at the following locations:

- Food Storage Areas (i.e. cold stores, dry store, freezer stores and stores for decanting of deliveries);
- Meat Preparation Area;
- Vegetable Preparation Area;
- Cooking Area;
- Dish-wash and Glass-wash Area; and
- Bar Area.

Small bins will be placed adjacent to each of these areas for temporary storage of waste generated during the day. Waste will then be transferred from each of these areas to the appropriate waste store within their units.

All bins / containers in the crèche and community tenants' areas as well as in the crèche and community WSAs will be clearly labelled and colour coded to avoid cross contamination of the different waste streams. Signage will be posted above or on the bins to show exactly which wastes can be put in each.

Other waste materials such as textiles, batteries, lightbulbs, WEEE, cooking oil and printer toner / cartridges will be generated less frequently. The tenants will be required to store these waste types within their own units and arrange collection with an appropriately licensed waste contractor. Facilities management may arrange collection, depending on the agreement. Further details on additional waste types can be found in Section 5.4.

5.3 Waste Collection

There are numerous private contractors that provide waste collection services in the Dublin City area. All waste contractors servicing the proposed development must hold a valid waste collection permit for the specific waste types collected. All waste collected must be transported to registered / permitted / licensed facilities only.

The waste receptacles from the WSAs will be collected by facilities management or waste contractors, depending on agreement, immediately prior to collection and brought to where the bins will be staged temporarily awaiting collection. The staging areas are such that they will not obstruct traffic or pedestrians (allowing a footway path of at least 1.8m, the space needed for two wheelchairs to pass each other) as is recommended in the *Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets* (2019) ²⁴.

All staging area locations can be viewed on the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover and in Appendix 1 of this report.

The facilities management company or waste contractor will ensure that empty bins are promptly returned to the WSAs after collection / emptying. The auto-track analysis for refuse trucks can be viewed on the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover and in Appendix 2 of this report.

Suitable access and egress has been provided to enable the bins to be moved easily from the temporary staging area to the waste collection vehicles on the appropriate days. Waste will be collected at agreed days and times by the nominated waste contractors.

All waste receptacles should be clearly identified as required by waste legislation and the requirements of the DCC *Waste Bye-Laws*. Waste will be presented for collection in a manner that will not endanger health, create a risk to traffic, harm the environment or create a nuisance through odours or litter.

It is recommended that bin collection times are staggered to reduce the number of bins required to be emptied at once and the time the waste vehicle is on-Site. This will be determined during the process of appointment of a waste contractor.

5.4 Additional Waste Materials

In addition to the typical waste materials that are generated on a daily basis, there will be some additional waste types generated from time to time that will need to be managed separately. A non-exhaustive list is presented below.

Deposit Return Scheme

Most drinks containers can be recycled via the deposit return scheme, such as bottles, cans and tins made from plastic, aluminium or steel can be returned once they are between 150ml and 3 litres in size and have the Re-turn logo on them. Crèche and community unit tenants will be responsible for collecting and depositing drinks containers, where appropriate. Residents will be responsible for collecting drinks containers within their own units.

At the shops you can either return the containers:

- Using a Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)
- Manually in the shop

If a shop does not have a RVM but they sell containers with the Re-turn logo, the shop may allow you to manually return containers in store, unless they have a take back exemption.

Locations of RVM machines can be found via the Re-turn website (www.re-turn.ie)

Green Waste

Green waste may be generated from gardens, external landscaping and internal plants / flowers. Green waste generated from landscaping of external areas will be removed

by external landscape contractors. Green waste generated from gardens internal plants / flowers can be placed in the organic waste bins.

Batteries

A take-back service for waste batteries and accumulators (e.g. rechargeable batteries) is in place in order to comply with the S.I. No. 283/2014 - European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014, as amended. In accordance with these regulations, consumers are able to bring their waste batteries to their local civic amenity centre or can return them free of charge to retailers which supply the equivalent type of battery, regardless of whether or not the batteries were purchased at the retail outlet and regardless of whether or not the person depositing the waste battery purchases any product or products from the retail outlet.

The crèche and community tenants cannot use the civic amenity centre. They must segregate their waste batteries and either avail of the take-back service provided by retailers or arrange for recycling / recovery of their waste batteries by a suitably permitted / licenced contractor. Facilities management may arrange collection, depending on the agreement.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

The WEEE Directive (Directive 2002/96/EC) and associated Waste Management (WEEE) Regulations have been enacted to ensure a high level of recycling of electronic and electrical equipment. In accordance with the regulations, consumers can bring their waste electrical and electronic equipment to their local recycling centre. In addition, consumers can bring back WEEE within 15 days to retailers when they purchase new equipment on a like for like basis. Retailers are also obliged to collect WEEE within 15 days of delivery of a new item, provided the item is disconnected from all mains, does not pose a health and safety risk and is readily available for collection.

As noted above, the crèche and community tenants cannot use the civic amenity centre. They must segregate their WEEE and either avail of the take-back / collection service provided by retailers or arrange for recycling / recovery of their WEEE by a suitably permitted / licenced contractor. Facilities management may arrange collection, depending on the agreement.

Printer Cartridge / Toners

It is recommended that a printer cartridge / toner bin is provided in the commercial unit, where appropriate. The crèche and community tenants will be required to store this waste within their unit and arrange for return to retailers or collection by an authorised waste contractor, as required.

Waste printer cartridge / toners generated by residents can usually be returned to the supplier free of charge or can be brought to a civic amenity centre.

Chemicals

Chemicals (such as solvents, paints, adhesives, resins, detergents, etc) are largely generated from building maintenance works. Such works are usually completed by external contractors who are responsible for the off-site removal and appropriate recovery / recycling / disposal of any waste materials generated.

Any waste cleaning products or waste packaging from cleaning products generated in the crèche and community units that is classed as hazardous (if they arise) will be appropriately stored within the tenants' own space. Facilities management may arrange collection, depending on the agreement.

Any waste cleaning products or waste packaging from cleaning products that are classed as hazardous (if they arise) generated by the residents should be brought to a civic amenity centre.

Light Bulbs

Waste light bulbs (fluorescent, incandescent and LED) may be generated by lighting at the crèche and community units. It is anticipated that crèche and community tenants will be responsible for the off-site removal and appropriate recovery / disposal of these wastes. Facilities management may arrange collection, depending on the agreement.

Light bulbs generated by residents should be taken to the nearest civic amenity centre for appropriate storage and recovery / disposal.

Textiles

Where possible, waste textiles should be recycled or donated to a charity organisation for reuse. Crèche and community tenants and residents will be responsible for disposing of waste textiles appropriately.

Waste Cooking Oil

If the crèche and community tenants use cooking oil, waste cooking oil will need to be stored within the unit on a bunded area or spill pallet and regular collections by a dedicated waste contractor will need to be organised as required. Under sink grease traps will be installed in any cooking space.

If the residents generate waste cooking oil, this can be brought to a civic amenity centre.

Furniture & Other Bulky Waste Items

Furniture and other bulky waste items (such as carpet, etc.) may occasionally be generated by the crèche and community tenant. The collection of bulky waste will be arranged, as required by the tenant. If residents wish to dispose of furniture, this can be brought a civic amenity centre.

Abandoned Bicycles

Bicycle parking areas are planned for the proposed development. As happens in other developments, residents sometimes abandon faulty or unused bicycles, and it can be difficult to determine their ownership. Abandoned bicycles should be donated to charity if they arise or facilities management will may arrange collection by a licensed waste contractor.

5.5 Waste Storage Area Design

The WSAs should be designed and fitted-out to meet the requirements of relevant design Standards, including:

- Be fitted with a non-slip floor surface;
- Provide ventilation to reduce the potential for generation of odours with a recommended 6-10 air changes per hour for a mechanical system for internal WSAs;
- Provide suitable lighting – a minimum Lux rating of 400 is recommended;
- Be easily accessible for people with limited mobility;
- Be restricted to access by nominated personnel only;
- Be supplied with hot or cold water for disinfection and washing of bins;
- Be fitted with suitable power supply for power washers;
- Have a sloped floor to a central foul drain for bins washing run-off;
- Have appropriate signage placed above and on bins indicating correct use;
- Have access for potential control of vermin, if required; and

- Be fitted with CCTV for monitoring.

The facilities management company, crèche and community tenants and residents will be required to maintain the resident bins and storage areas in good condition as required by the DCC Waste Bye-Laws.

5.6 Facility Management Responsibilities

It shall be the responsibility of the facilities management company to ensure that all domestic waste generated by residents, crèche tenants and community tenants is managed to ensure correct storage prior to collection by an appropriately permitted waste management company.

Facilities Management will provide the following items:

- Provision of a Waste Management Plan document, prepared by the Facilities Management Company, to all residential, crèche and community units, which shall clearly state the methods of source waste segregation, storage, reuse and recycling initiatives that shall apply to the management of the development;
- Provision and maintenance of appropriate graphical signage to inform residents, crèche tenants and community tenants of their obligation to reduce waste, segregate waste and in the correct bin;
- Preparation of an annual waste management report for all residential, crèche and community units;
- Designation of access routes to common waste storage areas to ensure safe access from the apartment units by mobility impaired persons;
- Provision of an appropriately qualified and experienced staff member, who will be responsible for all aspects of waste management at the development;
- Daily inspection of waste storage areas and signing of a daily check list, which shall be displayed within the area; and
- Maintenance of a weekly register, detailing the quantities and breakdown of wastes collected from the development and provision of supporting documentation by the waste collector to allow tracking of waste recycling rates.

5.7 Pest Management

A pest control operator will be appointed as required to manage pests onsite during the operational phase of this proposed development. All waste generated within the proposed development will be stored in closed waste receptacles both within units and within the WSAs. Any waste receptacles will be carefully managed to prevent leaks, odours and pest problems.

All WSAs will have access for potential control of vermin, if required, be supplied with hot or cold water, drainage point and will be regularly inspected by facilities management to deter pests.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

In summary, this OWMP presents a waste strategy that addresses all legal requirements, waste policies and best practice guidelines and demonstrates that the required storage areas have been incorporated into the design of the proposed development.

Implementation of this OWMP will ensure a high level of recycling, reuse and recovery at the proposed development. All recyclable materials will be segregated at source to reduce waste contractor costs and ensure maximum diversion of materials from landfill, thus contributing to the targets set out in the *NWMPCE (2024)*.

Adherence to this plan will also ensure that waste management at the proposed development is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *DCC Waste Bye-Laws and the Home Performance Index Technical Manual (V3.0) (2022)*.

The waste strategy presented in this document will provide sufficient storage capacity for the estimated quantity of segregated waste. The designated areas for waste storage will provide sufficient room for the required receptacles in accordance with the details of this strategy.

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APPENDIX 1: WASTE STORAGE AREAS AND STAGING AREAS



