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MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
A STRATEGIC HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

AWN Consulting Ltd. (AWN) has prepared this Operational Waste Management Plan (OWMP) on behalf of Walls Construction Limited. The proposed development consists of the demolition of the existing 3-storey office block on site and the construction of a mixed-use block of up to 9 storeys over basement in a 4-sided building around a central courtyard area, consisting of 176 no. apartments with associated residential amenities, office (c. 1,050.8 sq.m), and café use (c. 143.7 sq.m), at Rosemount House, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17, on a c. 0.6462 ha site.

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 '*Eastern-Midlands Region (EMR) Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021*'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 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.

2.0 OVERVIEW OF WASTE MANAGEMENT IN IRELAND

2.1 National Level

The Irish Government issued a policy statement in September 1998 titled as '*Changing Our Ways*'⁶ 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 2002⁷. 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*'⁸. This document also stressed the need to break the link between 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*'⁹. 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'¹⁰ (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)¹¹ 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.

Since 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has produced periodic 'National Waste (Database) Reports'¹² 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 2019 *National Waste Statistics*, which is the most recent study published, along with the national waste statistics web resource (November 2021) reported the following key statistics for 2019:

- **Generated** – Ireland produced 3,085,652 t of municipal waste in 2019. This is almost a 6% increase since 2018. This means that the average person living in Ireland generated 628 kg of municipal waste in 2019.
- **Managed** – Waste collected and treated by the waste industry. In 2019, a total of 3,036,991 t of municipal waste was managed and treated.
- **Unmanaged** – Waste that is not collected or brought to a waste facility and is, therefore, likely to cause pollution in the environment because it is burned, buried or dumped. The EPA estimates that 48,660 t was unmanaged in 2019.
- **Recovered** – The amount of waste recycled, used as a fuel in incinerators, or used to cover landfilled waste. In 2019, around 83% of municipal waste was recovered – a decrease from 84% in 2018.
- **Recycled** – The waste broken down and used to make new items. Recycling also includes the breakdown of food and garden waste to make compost. The recycling rate in 2019 was 37%, which is down from 38% in 2018.
- **Disposed** – Less than a sixth (15%) of municipal waste was landfilled in 2019. This is an increase from 14% in 2018.

2.2 Regional Level

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

The *EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021* is the regional waste management plan applicable to the DCC administrative area, which was published in May 2015. Currently the EMR and other regional waste management plans are under review and the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices expect to publish the final plan in 2022.

The regional plan sets out the following strategic targets for waste management in the region that are relevant to the proposed development:

- A 1% reduction per annum in the quantity of household waste generated per capita over the period of the plan;
- Achieve a recycling rate of 50% of managed municipal waste by 2020; and
- Reduce to 0% the direct disposal of unprocessed residual municipal waste to landfill (from 2016 onwards) in favour of higher value pre-treatment processes and indigenous recovery practices.

Municipal landfill charges in Ireland are based on the weight of waste disposed. In the Leinster Region, charges are approximately €130-150 per tonne of waste, which includes a €75 per tonne landfill levy introduced under the Waste Management (Landfill Levy) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

The *Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022* ¹³ sets out a number of policies and objectives for Dublin City in line with the objectives of the regional waste management plan. The plan identifies a need to further reduce the role of landfilling in favour of higher value recovery options. Waste policies and objectives with a particular relevance to this proposed development are as follows:

Policies:

- *SI19: To support the principles of good waste management and the implementation of best international practice in relation to waste management in order for Dublin city and the region to become self-reliant in terms of waste management.*
- *SI20: To prevent and minimise waste and to encourage and support material sorting and recycling.*
- *SI21: To minimise the amount of waste which cannot be prevented and ensure it is managed and treated without causing environmental pollution.*
- *SI22: To ensure that effect is given as far as possible to the “polluter pays” principle.*

Objectives:

- *SIO16: To require the provision of adequately-sized-recycling facilities in new commercial and large scale residential developments, where appropriate.*
- *SIO18: To implement the current Litter Management Plan through enforcement of the litter laws, street cleaning and education and awareness campaigns.*
- *SIO19: To implement the Eastern-Midlands Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021 and achieve the plan targets and objectives.*

The Draft *Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028* ¹⁴ 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. Sub-ordinate and associated legislation includes:
- Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 as amended;
- Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended and
- Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended ¹⁵

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, commercial 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 or Industrial Emissions (IE) 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.

The DCC Recycling Centre at on the Oscar Traynor Road, located c. 2.09 km south west of the development site, can be utilised by the residents of the proposed development for other household waste streams. This centre can accept metal, paper, plastic, clothes, shoes, textiles, garden waste and electrical items. There is also a bring bank located c. 480 m south east of the development at Clarehall Shopping Centre, where glass and aluminium cans can be deposited.

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

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Location, Size and Scale of the Development

The subject site is bound by Mayne River Avenue to the west and south, a site to the north in use as a building compound for the construction of the permitted development to the east (ABP Ref.: 307887-20).

The proposal comprises the demolition of an existing 3 storey office building and the construction of a mixed-use development in a single block (up to 9 storeys over basement) including 176 no. apartments, office and café use.

The proposed development shall consist of:

- Demolition of existing c. 3,315 sq.m, 3 storey office building on site and existing ancillary facilities and the construction of a single mixed-use block (Block A) of up to 9 storeys (over basement), consisting of a 4-sided structure based around a central courtyard area.
- c. 1,050.8 sq.m. of office space at ground floor level with own door access and associated infrastructure including staff kitchen, meeting rooms and designated car parking (7 spaces) at basement level.
- A café unit of c. 143.7 sq.m at ground floor level with own door access to the south and east, accessed via proposed public open space.
- 176 no. residential units from 1st to 8th floor level comprising 72 no. 1 bed units (41%), 57 no. 2 bed units (32%) and 47 no. 3 bed units (27%) [each with private amenity space in the form of balcony or terrace], with separate access to the proposed commercial uses at ground floor level.

- c. 1,846 sq. m. of communal open space at ground floor, first floor podium, 4th floor and 7th floor level, and public open space of c. 1,577 sq.m. at ground floor level, including a public courtyard area located to the southeast of the proposed block.
- Resident amenity and support services are proposed at ground floor level to include a cinema room, post room, games room, co-working spaces, gym and concierge services.
- 134 no. car parking spaces, 7 of which are accessible, and 6 no. motorcycle parking spaces, located at basement level and accessed by a vehicular ramp via Mayne River Avenue to the west (with a vehicular set down areas fronting Mayne River Avenue), in addition to 2 no. car club spaces at the southern boundary.
- 424 no. bicycle parking spaces, 416 of which at ground floor and at surface level and 8 no. spaces at basement level.
- All associated vehicular and pedestrian access routes (including links to the adjoining site to the north), external communal play facilities, E.S.B substation, Meter rooms, foul and surface water drainage, hard and soft landscaping, lighting, plant at basement level, bin stores, PV panels and green roof, 2 no. telecommunications antenna at roof level and all associated and ancillary site works.

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 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:

- Green / garden waste may be generated from 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 or commercial 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 European Waste Codes

In 1994, the *European Waste Catalogue* ¹⁵ and *Hazardous Waste List* ¹⁶ were published by the European Commission. In 2002, the EPA published a document titled the *European Waste Catalogue and Hazardous Waste List* ¹⁷, 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' ¹⁸, applicable since the 1st June 2015. 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, CORs, permits and licences and the EPA National Waste Database.

Under the classification system, different types of wastes are fully defined by a code. The List of Waste (LoW) code (also referred to as European Waste Code (EWC)) 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 commercial unit.

Waste generated from the shared residential amenities have been included in the residential waste figures and will be stored within the residential waste bins.

The estimated waste generation for the proposed development for the main waste types is presented in Table 4.1, below.

Table 4.1 *Estimated Waste Generation for Residential and Commercial Units*

| Waste Type | Waste Volume (m ³ / week) | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Block A (Combined) | Office/Café Units (Combined) |
| Organic Waste | 2.71 | 0.21 |
| Dry Mixed Recyclables | 19.17 | 1.01 |
| Glass | 0.52 | 2.88 |
| Mixed Non-Recyclables | 10.08 | 0.02 |
| Paper (Confidential) | - | 0.96 |
| Total | 32.48 | 4.88 |

*BS5906:2005 Waste Management in Buildings – Code of Practice*¹⁸ 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*,
- *EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021*;
- *Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022 (Appendix 10)*;
- *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 (2020)*²⁰.

Waste Storage Areas

Five (5 no.) Waste Storage Areas (WSAs) have been allocated within the design of this development. Four (4 no.) WSAs have been allocated for residential use, all of which are located at basement level in close proximity to access cores. One (1 no.) WSA has been allocated for commercial use only and is located at basement level in close proximity to access cores. The locations of the WSAs can be viewed on the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover.

Using the estimated waste generation volumes in Tables 4.1, above, the waste receptacle requirements for MNR, DMR, organic waste and glass have been established for the residential and commercial WSAs. It is envisaged that all waste types 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 |
| Residential WSAs (Shared) | 9 no. 1100 L 1 no. 240 L | 18 no. 1100 L | 4 no. 240 L | 12 no. 240 L |
| Commercial WSA | 1 no. 1100 L | 3 no. 1100 L | 1 no. 120 L | 1 no. 240 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 residential WSA.

As outlined in the current *Dublin City Development Plan*, it is preferable to use 1,100 L wheelie bins for waste storage, where practical. However, in the case of organic and glass waste, it is considered more suitable to use smaller waste receptacles due to the weight of bins when filled with organic and glass waste. The use of 240 and 120 L bins, as recommended in Table 5.1, will reduce the manual handling impacts on the facilities management personnel and waste contractor employees.

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 standard for performance requirements of mobile waste containers, where appropriate.



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

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

This Plan will be provided to each resident and the crèche tenants from first occupation of the development i.e. once the first residential unit or commercial 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.

Provision will be made in all residential apartment 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

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

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 shared residential 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 – Café Unit

The commercial tenants will be required to segregate waste within their own unit into the following main waste types:

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

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

Suppliers for the commercial 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 the unit area, 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 WSA.

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 unit.

All bins / containers in the commercial tenants' areas as well as in the WSA 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 unit 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 5.5.

5.3 Waste Storage – Office Unit

The office tenant(s) will segregate waste into the following main waste streams:

- DMR;
- MNR;
- Organic waste;

- Glass; and
- Confidential Paper

The office unit(s) may be occupied by a single tenant or multiple tenants. It is recommended that the office tenants implement the 'binless office' concept where employees do not have bins located under desks and instead bring their waste to Area Waste Stations (AWSs) located strategically on the office floors, at print stations/rooms and at any canteens, micro kitchens or tea stations which may be provided within the tenants' office space. Experience has shown that the maximum travel distance should be no more than 15m from the employee's desk to the AWS. This 'best in class' concept achieves maximum segregation of waste in an office setting.

Typically, an AWS would include a bin for DMR and a bin for MNR. It is recommended that a confidential paper bin with a locked lid/door should also be provided for at each AWS and/or adjacent to photocopy/printing stations, as required. In addition, it is recommended that organic and glass bins should be provided at any canteens or micro kitchens or tea stations, where appropriate.

A printer cartridge/toner bin should be provided at the print/copy stations, where appropriate.

It is recommended that all bins/containers should be clearly labelled and colour coded to avoid cross contamination of the different waste streams. Signage should be posted on or above the bins to show which wastes can be put in each bin.

The binless office concept, in addition to assisting in maximising recycling rates and minimising associated landfill disposal costs, also has the advantage of substantially reducing cleaning costs, as cleaners visit only the AWSs on each floor, as opposed to each desk.

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

Personnel nominated by the office tenants will empty the bins in the AWSs, as required, and bring the segregated waste using trolleys/carts/bins via lifts to the shared commercial WSA located on basement -1 level.

It is proposed that confidential paper waste will be managed separately to non-confidential paper waste. Tenants will be required to engage with an appropriately permitted/licenced confidential waste management contractor for collection and shredding of confidential paper. It is anticipated that tenants will place locked confidential waste paper bins as required throughout their office areas. The confidential waste company will typically collect bins directly from the office areas, under agreement with the tenants, and bring the locked bin or bags of confidential waste via the lifts to their collection truck. It is envisaged that confidential paper waste will be shredded on-site in the dedicated collection truck or brought to an authorised facility for offsite shredding.

Other waste materials such as batteries and WEEE, batteries and lightbulbs will be generated less frequently. Space has been allocated with the WSA for the storage of these items. Collections of these items will be arranged as required by the tenants or facilities management depending on the agreement. Further details on additional waste types can be found in Section 5.5.

5.4 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.

Bins from the proposed development will be brought to a collection area, adjacent to the vehicular ramp, by the waste contractor or facilities management immediately prior to collection. The basement level car park is insufficient in height for a waste truck to access, therefore all waste will be collected at grade, from the curtilage. The location for collection can be viewed on the drawings submitted with the planning application under separate cover. The collection area is such that it 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) ²¹.

A trolley / tug or suitable vehicle may be required to convey the bins to and from the collection area. The facilities management or waste contractor will ensure that empty bins are promptly returned to the WSAs after collection / emptying.

Suitable access and egress has been provided to enable the bins to be moved easily from the WSA 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.

5.5 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.

Green Waste

Green waste may be generated from internal plants / flowers. Green waste generated from internal plants / flowers can be placed in the organic waste bins. If substantial green waste is produced by the commercial tenants it can be removed by a landscape contractor.

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 / recycling 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 commercial tenants cannot use the civic amenity / recycling 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 commercial tenants cannot use the civic amenity / recycling 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 units, where appropriate. The commercial tenants will be required to store this waste within their units 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 / recycling 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 commercial 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 / recycling centre.

Light Bulbs

Waste light bulbs (fluorescent, incandescent and LED) may be generated by lighting at the commercial units. It is anticipated that commercial 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 / recycling centre for appropriate storage and recovery / disposal.

Textiles

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

Waste Cooking Oil

If the commercial tenants use cooking oil, waste cooking oil will need to be stored within their units 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 / recycling centre or placed in the organic bin.

Furniture & Other Bulky Waste Items

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

Abandoned Bicycles

Bicycle parking areas are planned for the 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 may arrange collection by a licensed waste contractor.

COVID-19 Waste

Any waste generated by commercial tenants or residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 should be managed in accordance with the current COVID-19 HSE Guidelines at the time that that waste arises. At the time this report was prepared, the HSE Guidelines require the following procedure for any waste from a person that tests positive for COVID-19:

- Put all waste (gloves, tissues, wipes, masks) from that person in a bin bag and tie when almost full;
- Put this bin bag into a second bin bag and tie a knot;
- Store this bag safely for 3 days, then put the bag into the non-recyclable waste / general waste wheelie bin for collection / emptying.

Please note that this guidance is likely to be updated by the time the proposed development is open and occupied and the relevant guidance at the time will need to be reviewed.

5.6 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 and residents will be required to maintain the resident bins and storage areas in good condition as required by the DCC Waste Bye-Laws.

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 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 *EMR Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021*.

Adherence to this plan will also ensure that waste management at the development is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *DCC Waste Bye-Laws*.

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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