

Table 17.2: Demolition and Construction Residual Effects

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			No demolition of buildings within the swallow summer breeding season April – October. Pre-demolition check of building for nesting birds.															
		Habitat loss as a result of displacement by disturbance	None required															
Ground Conditions	Construction workers	Impact to human health from exposure to contaminated soils / dust / ground gases / water during enabling and construction works.	None required	Imperceptible														
	Adjacent site users	Impact to human health from exposure to contaminated dust during enabling and construction works.	None required	Imperceptible														
	Water environment (Baldonnel Stream)	Increased potential for leaching of contaminants from soils and mobilisation of contamination in surface water and groundwater during earthworks and foundation works. Also, contaminants introduced to surface water by construction activities through leakages/spillages.	None required	Imperceptible/not significant														
	Groundwater beneath the site (aquifers)		None required	Imperceptible/not significant														
	Agricultural Land	Loss of agricultural land	None required	Imperceptible														
Climate Change CCR																		
	Buildings and Infrastructure	Extreme rainfall events could result in the erosion of stockpiles and resultant silting of drainage assets.	None required	Imperceptible to Not significant														
	Buildings and Infrastructure	Extreme rainfall events and their secondary impacts could affect the ability to undertake certain construction activities leading to programme delays (e.g. pouring of concrete and asphalt) increasing project costs.	None required	Imperceptible to Not significant														
	Environment	Extreme rainfall events could result in increased runoff of concrete or cement products nearby watercourses.	None required	Imperceptible to Not significant														
	Human Health	Heatwaves, higher temperatures and drought conditions could impact dust generated during construction activities.	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant														
	Human Health	Winds gusts could result in the damage of stockpiles. Secondary impacts could include site personnel welfare impacts.	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant														
	Human Health	Heatwaves, higher temperatures could impact on site construction personnel welfare, for example,	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant														

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		causing heat stress and unsafe working conditions.			-	U	I	IR	
ICCI									
Population and Human Health Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Population and Human Health effects	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Transport Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified transport effects.	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Air Quality Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors to dust from demolition and construction activities.	None required		Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Air Quality Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors to dust from demolition and construction activities.	None required		Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Noise and Vibration Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Noise and vibration effects.	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Water Resources and Flood Risk Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors to water from demolition and construction activities.	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt
Ecology Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors to demolition and construction activities.	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	I	IR	Mt
Ground Conditions Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors (water) to demolition and construction activities	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Waste Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Waste effects	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Material Assets Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors (surface water) to demolition and construction activities	None required		Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Mt
Material Assets Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors (water supply) to demolition and construction activities	None required		Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	I	R	Lt
GHG Emissions									
Global Climate	GHG Emissions	None required		Slight to Not Significant (not significant)	-	IR	D	L	Lt
Waste									
Landfill Sites	Effect on void space	None required		Not Significant to Slight	-	L	D	IR	P
Material Assets									
Power and Electrical Supply	Increased demand on the surrounding network			+/-	L	D	IR	T	
Gas Supply				+/-	L	D	IR	T	
Foul Water Infrastructure				+/-	L	D	IR	T	
Water Supply				+/-	L	D	IR	T	

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Telecommunications						U	I	IR						
Surface Water Infrastructure		Risks of contamination from increased run-off, machinery on site, concrete activities, and/or accidental spillages.				L	D	IR	T					
Landscape and Visual	Landscape													
	Site	Removal of vegetation and dwelling with stripping of soil and change of topography to accommodate proposed development and landscaping	None required											
	Baldonnel Stream	Disturbance impacts on function and character value.	None required											
	Newcastle Lowlands LCA	Construction activity within urban fringe area of LCA that has been allocated for development	None required											
	The Grand Canal	Disturbance of linked green infrastructure affecting landscape context and setting	None required											
	NIAH Listed features	Disturbance and impacts on character amenity and tranquillity	None required											
	Road Corridors	Change to the townscape associated with the road corridors	None required											
	Visual													
	VP1-11	Disturbance and construction impacts affect the visual amenity for receptors (Low – Medium)	None required											
	Cultural Heritage	Knowledge gained by preservation by record												
		On site archaeology	Programme of archaeological monitoring of topsoil stripping in the area immediately surrounding the possible prehistoric or early historic ditch and by preservation by record (excavation) of any features exposed prior to construction.											
	Built heritage	None identified	None required											
			Imperceptible											

Notes:

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Operation Residual Effects

- 17.11 Table 17.3 summarises the residual effects which have been identified by the individual technical assessments as likely to arise upon completion and operation of the proposed development. Where **significant positive** effects are likely these are highlighted in bold green and where **significant negative** effects are predicted these are highlighted in bold red.
- 17.12 The following significant positive environmental effects for the operation stage have been identified and are highlighted in green text in Table 17.3.

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Population and Human Health	Local Residents and Economy	Creation of Employment (Small area scale)	None required	Not-significant - Slight	-	U	I	IR	Lt P**
	Local Residents and Economy	Creation of Employment (Electoral division and South Dublin County scale)	None required	Imperceptible	+	L	D	IR	Lt - P
	Local residents	Air quality effects	None required	Not significant - Slight	+	L	D	IR	Lt - P
	Local residents	Noise effects	None required	Not Significant - Slight	-	L	D	IR	Lt - P
	Local residents	Transport effects	None required	Not Significant - Slight	-	L	D	IR	Lt - P
	Local residents	Amenity	None required	Imperceptible	-	L	D	IR	Lt - P
Transport and Accessibility	Pedestrians	Change in Pedestrian Severance, Delay, Amenity, Fear and Intimidation	None required	Slight	-	L	R	D	Lt to P
	Road users	Change in Driver Delay	None required	Slight	-	L	R	D	Lt to P
	Road users, pedestrians and cyclists	Change in Accidents and Safety	None required	Slight	-	L	R	D	Lt to P
Air Quality	Existing Off-site Human Health	Change in NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} levels due to vehicle emissions	None required	Not significant	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
	Existing Off-site Human Health	Change in NO ₂ levels due to Phase 1 and Phase 2 emergency generators	None required	Imperceptible	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
	Existing Off-site Human Health	Change in NO ₂ levels due to Phase 1 and Phase 2 emergency generators	None required	Imperceptible	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
Noise and Vibration	Local Residents (All NSRs)	Plant noise under worst case operation conditions (Scenario 1)	None required	Slight	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
	Local Residents (All NSRs)	Plant noise under vest-case operation conditions (Scenario 2)	None required	Slight	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
	Local Residents (All NSRs)	Plant noise under emergency operation conditions (Scenario 3)	None required	Slight	-	L	D	IR	Lt to P
Water Resource and Flood Risk	Fluvial Flood Risk	Flood risk from the Baldonnel Stream	Site-Specific Flood Risk Mitigation Plan and associated maintenance regime	Slight to Moderate	+	L	D	IR	Lt

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	Surface Water Flood Risk	Changes to flood risk as a result of changes to the surface water runoff regime of the site	None Required	Slight to Moderate	-	L	D	IR	IR	LT	
	Groundwater	Potential to alter local groundwater flow paths and levels	None Required	Imperceptible/Not Significant	-	L	D	IR	IR	LT	
	Water Supply and Foul Drainage Network	Water Supply and Foul Drainage Capacity During Operation	None Required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	IR	IR	LT	
Ecology	South Dublin Bay and River Tolka SPA	Pollution Ecological enhancement	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	I	IR	P		
	Grand Canal pNHA and Liffey Valley pNHA	Pollution Ecological enhancement	None required	Imperceptible to Not-Significant	+/-	L	I	IR	P		
	Baldonnel stream	Ecological enhancement	None required	Slight	+/-	L	D	R	P		
	Terrestrial habitats	Ecological enhancement	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	R	P		
	Bats	Disturbance through lighting	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	R	P		
	Badger	Foraging habitat enhancement	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	R	P		
	Birds	Foraging habitat enhancement	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	R	P		
	Adjacent site users	Impact to human health from exposure to residual contaminated soils / dust / ground gases / water.	None required	Imperceptible	-	U	I	IR	Lt to P		
	Future site users		None required	Imperceptible	-	U	D	IR	Lt to P		
	Water environment (Baldonnel Stream)	Contaminants released by operation activities through leakages/spillages.	None required	Imperceptible/Not significant	-	U	D	IR	Lt to P		
Ground Conditions	Groundwater beneath the site (aquifers)		None required	Imperceptible/Not significant	-	U	D	IR	Lt to P		
	Climate Change										
	Buildings and Infrastructure	Extreme rainfall events and increased frequency of intense rainfall events could result in the overwhelming of drainage assets.	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt		
	Buildings and Infrastructure	Extreme rainfall events could lead to flooding of the underground foundations or services (electrical cables)	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt		
	Buildings and Infrastructure	Extreme rainfall events could lead to fluvial flooding, including of the Baldonnel stream highlighted within the FRA; culvert has potential blockages	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt		

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Buildings and Infrastructure		Extreme rainfall events could lead to flooding of the drainage assets	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	I	R			Lt
Human Health		Increased frequency of intense rainfall events could result in wet pavement surfaces leading to reduced skid resistance and unsafe conditions for site personnel.	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R			Lt
Environment		Increased frequency and severity of extreme heat events (i.e., heat waves) could result in the landscape design being compromised (e.g., tree and shrubs die).	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	I	R			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure		Increased frequency and severity of extreme heat events could result in overheating of the electrical equipment (e.g. data servers).	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure		Transformers affected by urban heat islands and coincident air conditioning demand leading to overloading in summer months.	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure		High temperatures and heatwaves could result in overheating and unsuitable conditions e.g., discomfort for occupants in ancillary buildings and office spaces	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	IR			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure		Heatwaves, higher temperatures could damage the building structure	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	IR			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure		Heatwaves, high temperatures and increased humidity could lead to lightning striking the data centre resulting in damage to infrastructure or loss of power.	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	IR			Lt
Infrastructure and Human Health		Prolonged periods of drought could lead to vegetation drying, increasing risk of grassland fires near the Data centre. Secondary impacts include infrastructure damage and vegetation	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	I	IR			Lt
Human Health		Prolonged periods of drought could affect water and potable water availability.	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R			Lt
Buildings and Infrastructure and human health		Freeze-thaw could damage the proposed development, e.g. cracking, deformation, that reduces the proposed development's service life.	None required			Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	IR			Lt
ICCI													
Population and Human Health Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Population and Human Health effects	None required				Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R			Lt
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Water Resources and Flood Risk Sensitive Receptors	Exposure of sensitive receptors to water from operational stage	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt	Lt
Ecology Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Ecological effects	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt	Lt
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Material Assets Sensitive Receptors	Potential interactions of climate change with the identified Material effects	None required	Imperceptible to Not Significant	-	U	D	R	Lt	Lt
GHG Emissions									
Global Climate	GHG Emissions	None required	Slight to Not Significant	-	IR	D	L	Lt	Lt
Landfill Sites	Effect on void space	None required	Not significant to slight	-	L	D	IR	P	P
Material Assets									
Power and Electrical Supply				+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Gas Supply				+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Foul Water Infrastructure	Increased demand on the surrounding network	None required	Imperceptible	+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Water Supply				+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Telecommunications				+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Surface Water Infrastructure	Risk of contamination to surrounding water environment.			+/-	L	D	IR	P	P
Landscape and Visual									
Site	Creation of new topography and habitat types with increased tree planting and connection with the Baldonnel Stream landscape feature	None required	Imperceptible	+ L	D	IR	Lt to P		
Baldonnel Stream	Enhancement with new riverine planting and features including wetland meadow and pond	None required	Moderate	+ L	D	R	Lt to P		
Newcastle Lowlands LCA	Additional data centre development within a business park on the urban fringe with extensive boundary treatments that soften and assimilate the building into the landscape	None required	Imperceptible	- L	ID	IR	Lt to P		

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The Grand Canal		Enhancement of linked green infrastructure features and increased commercial development within setting.	None required	Not Significant / Slight	-	L	ID	IR					Lt to P
NIAH Listed features		Increased commercial development within setting.	None required	Not Significant / Slight	-	L	ID	IR					Lt to P
Road Corridors		New commercial element within the transition from townscape to land-scape.	None required	Imperceptible	+	L	ID	IR					Lt to P
Visual – Operation Year 5													
VP: 03, 05, 10		Not visible		None required	Imperceptible	-	L	ID	IR				Lt to P
VP04		A small addition to the view, in context with surrounding character		None required	Not Significant / Slight	-	L	ID	IR				Lt to P
VP: 01; 02; 06; 08; 09, 11		A small addition to the view, in context with surrounding character		None required	Imperceptible	-	L	ID	IR				Lt to P
VP: 07		A notable change within the view in keeping with the character of the area.		None required	Not Significant / Slight	-	L	ID	IR				Lt to P
Cultural Heritage													
On site archaeology		None identified		None required	Imperceptible	+/-	U	D	IR				P
Built heritage (TOR2-4)		Change to visual qualities of setting		None required	Imperceptible/ not significant	-	L	D	IR				P
Built heritage (TOR8, 16, 17, 18-22)		None identified		None required	Imperceptible	+/-	U	D	IR				P

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Accurate Visual Representations	A static or moving image which shows the location of a proposed development as accurately as possible; it may also illustrate the degree to which the development will be visible, its detailed form or the proposed use of materials. AVRs are produced by accurately combining images of the proposed building with a representation of its context.	Cumulative Effects	Effects that result from incremental changes caused by other past, present or reasonably foreseeable actions.
Ambient Noise Level	The totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time, usually composed of a sound from many sources both distant and near (LAFEq,T).	Cumulative Developments	Developments that have received a resolution to grant planning permission or have a signed legal agreement in place. They are likely to be delivered concurrently with the Proposed Development assessed in the EIA.
Amenity	A pleasant or advantageous aspect of the environment.	Decibel	A scale for comparing the ratios of two quantities, including sound pressure and sound power. The difference in level between two sounds s1 and s2 is given by $20 \log_{10} (s_1 / s_2)$. The decibel can also be used to measure absolute quantities by specifying a reference value that fixes one point on the scale. For sound pressure, the reference value is $20 \mu\text{Pa}$.
An Bord Pleanála	Ireland's national independent planning body.	Desk Study	A non-intrusive study and review of all available information pertaining to a site, including historical records, collated and monitored data, and consultation with relevant stakeholders.
Annual Probable Sunlight Hours	The Annual Probable Sunlight Hours (APSH) is a measure of sunlight that a given window may expect over the period of a year, and where there is no obstruction, equates to a maximum of 1,486 hours. Sunlight is measured using a sun indicator which contains 100 spots, each representing 1 % of APSH (i.e. 14.86 hours of the total APSH).	Diffusion Tube	A passive sampler used for collecting NO ₂ in the air.
Applicant Application	Vantage Data Centers DUB11 Limited Means the full planning application, for the proposed development on the site.	Directive	European Union (EU) Directives impose legal obligations on European Member States. They are binding as to the results to be achieved but allow individual states the right to decide the form and methods used to achieve the results.
A-weighting Sound Pressure Level	The sound pressure level with the A-weighting applied. The A-weighting is used for most environmental noise measurements and is used to weight a spectrum of sound to match the sensitivity of the human ear.	EIA Scoping	An initial stage in determining the nature and potential scale of the environmental impacts arising from a proposed development and assessing what further studies are required to establish their significance.
Background Sound/Noise Level	These are amongst the lowest noise levels measured over a given period of time and exclude short term, intermittent noise sources. The background noise level is quantified by the L90 descriptor and is therefore the level which is exceeded for 90% of a given period of time.	EIA Scoping Opinion	A written statement of the opinion of the relevant planning authority as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement.
Baseline Studies	Studies of existing environmental conditions which are designed to establish the baseline conditions against which any future changes can be measured or predicted.	EIA Screening	An initial stage in which the need for EIA is considered in respect of a development. Some developments are automatically subject to EIA by means of their inevitable size, nature and effects (Annex I developments). Other projects are made subject to EIA because it is anticipated that they are likely to have significant environmental effects (Annex II developments).
Biodiversity	The diversity, or variety of plants and animals and other living things in a particular area of region. It encompasses landscape diversity, ecosystem diversity, species diversity and genetic diversity.	Emission	A material that is expelled or released to the environment. Usually applied to gaseous or odorous discharges to the atmosphere.
Brief Effects	Effects lasting less than a day	Environmental Impact Assessment	A process by which information about the environmental effects of a development is collected and taken into account by the relevant decision-making body before a decision is given on whether the development should go ahead.
Climate Change Resilience	An assessment of the vulnerability of the proposed development to extreme weather and projected climate change.	Environmental Impact Assessment Report	A statement that includes such information that is reasonably required to assess the environmental effects of a development.
Completed Development	A development scheme which has been build out and is operational.	Environmental Protection Agency	An independent public body established under the Environmental Protection Agency Act , 1992, responsible for protecting and improving the environment.
Construction Environmental Management Plan	A documented management system with environmental procedures to monitor residual effects of the demolition and construction stage of a development.	Equivalent Continuous A-Weighted Sound Pressure Level	The LAeq is an energy average and defined as the level of sound which, over a given period of time, would equate to the same A-weighted sound energy as the actual fluctuating sound.
Construction Logistics Plan	A documented travel plan specific for a construction site.	Construction Method Statement	A document which addresses the health and safety risks to workers and other personnel on-site during the demolition and construction stage of the development.

Facade Fit-out
The front or face of a building.
Installation of all non-substructure and non-superstructure items such as electrical water services, as well as final internal finishings.

Frequency

In sound, the number of cycles per second of a pressure fluctuation and frequency in sound is proportional to its pitch. Different frequencies are divided into octave and one third octave bands.

Frequency of Effects

Describe how often the effect will occur. (once, rarely, occasionally, frequently, constantly – or hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, annually).

Frequency Weighttings

Weighttings can be applied to a spectrum of sound and act as a filter to account for different sensitivities and conditions.

Gross External Area

A measure of area of a building measured externally at each floor level.

Heavy Goods Vehicle

A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight greater than 3.5 tonnes.

Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

A paraffinic bio-based liquid fuel originating from many kinds of vegetable oils.

Imperceptible Effect

An effect capable of measurement but without significant consequences

In-Combination Climate Change Impacts

An assessment of the additive impact that climate and climate change may have on impacts identified by other environmental topics as a result of the proposed development, now and in future years.

Likely Effects

The effects that can reasonably be expected to occur because of the planned project if all mitigation measures are properly implemented.

Long-term Effects

The maximum instantaneous noise level measured during a given period of time. The time weighting to which the meter is set for this measurement parameter is always indicated by either an F or S.

Medium-term Effects

The minimum instantaneous noise level measured during a given period of time. The time weighting to which the meter is set for this measurement parameter is always indicated by either an F or S.

Mitigation

Any process, activity or thing designed to avoid, reduce or remedy adverse environmental effects likely to be caused by a development project.

Mitigation Measure

Measure aiming at reducing an adverse environmental effect.

Moderate Effects
An effect that alters the character of the environment in a manner that is consistent with existing and emerging baseline trends

Momentary Effects
Effects lasting from seconds to minutes

Multifuel Generation Plant
A power generation plant with the ability to operate on natural gas and HVO.

National Planning Framework (2018)
At the national level, planning policy is contained within the National Planning Framework (NPF) 2018. The Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, on behalf of the Government of Ireland, published the NPF in February 2018 and is the Government's high-level strategic plan for shaping the future growth and development of our country out to the year 2040.

National Development Plan 2021-2030
The National Development Plan 2021-2030 (NDP) sets out the investment priorities that will underpin the implementation of the NPF, through a total investment of approximately €165 billion. Finalisation of the NPF alongside

the ten-year NDP will culminate one plan to guide strategic development and the infrastructure investment at the national level.

Negative/adverse Effects
A change which reduces the quality of the environment (for example, lessening species diversity or diminishing the reproductive capacity of an ecosystem; or damaging health or property or by causing nuisance).

Neutral Effects
No effects or effects that are imperceptible, within normal bounds of variation or within the margin of forecasting error.

Nitrogen dioxide
Road transport and the burning of fossil fuels for power are the main sources of Nitrogen dioxide. In addition to being a greenhouse gas it also contributes to photochemical smog formation. It is an irritant to the respiratory system.

Noise Rating Level
A single figure value derived by plotting a noise spectrum against a set of curves. The curve under which the spectrum fits is the resulting Noise Rating Level.

Non-Technical Summary

Normalised Element Level Difference
The normalised difference in sound level between a pair of rooms via a small element such as a trickle ventilator. The level difference in octave bands is normalised to a reference amount of absorption.

Not Significant
An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment but without significant consequences

Objective EE
A classification under the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028: to provide for enterprise and employment uses.

Ordnance Datum
Land levels are measured relative to the average sea level at Newlyn, Cornwall. This average level is referred to as 'Ordnance Datum'.

Particulate Matter Pathways
Discrete particles in ambient air, sizes ranging between nanometres (nm, billionths of a metre) to tens of micrometres (μm , millionths of a metre). The routes by which impacts are transmitted through air, water, soils or plants and organisms to their receptors.

Percentile Level
A-weighted sound pressure level obtained using time-weighting F, which is exceeded for N% of a specified time interval.

Permeant Effects
An example of this is background noise which is quantified with the LA90 descriptor, which is the A-weighted level which is exceeded for 90% of the measurement period.

Plant
A building's generator, heating, ventilation, and/or electricity-production system.

Positive Effects
A change which improves the quality of the environment (for example, by increasing species diversity; or the improving reproductive capacity of an ecosystem, or by removing nuisances or improving amenities).

Profound Effects
An effect which obliterates sensitive characteristics.

Quality of Effects
An effect that is positive, neutral, or negative.

Receptor (Sensitive)
A component of the natural, created, or built environment such as human being, water, air, a building, or a plant that is affected by an impact.

Residual Effects	Those effects of a development that cannot be mitigated following implementation of mitigation proposals.	Specific Noise Level	The equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level at the assessment position produced by the specific noise source (the noise source under investigation) over a given time interval (LAeq,T).
Reverberation Time	The time that would be required for the sound pressure level to decrease by 60 dB after the sound source has stopped. The descriptor T, often includes other nomenclature to describe the type of reverberation time measurement or if the reverberation time is an average taken for specific frequencies.	Standardised Weighted Level Difference	The standardised, weighted difference in sound level between a pair of rooms, stated as a single figure. The level difference in octave bands is first normalised to a reference reverberation time and then plotted against a set of reference curves to establish a single figure value.
Reversible Effects	Effects that can be undone, for example through remediation or restoration.	Statutory Consultees	Groups or bodies that, by law, must be consulted as part of the planning application process for EIA development.
Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (2019)	The Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly includes Regional Policy Objectives.	Structure Borne Noise	Audible noise caused by the vibration of elements of a structure, the source of which is within a building or structure with common elements.
Regional Policy Objective 8.25	A policy objective under the RSES which outline the responsibility of local authorities to support the implementation of ICT infrastructures such as data storage facilities at appropriate locations.	Study Area	Defined impact assessment area surrounding the site relative to the technical topic in question and determined based professional judgement.
Risk Assessment	An assessment of the likelihood and severity of an occurrence.	Substructure	Elements of a development below ground level, typically basements and foundations.
Short-term Effects	Effects lasting one to seven years.	Superstructure	Elements of a development above ground principally the mega frame, supporting core and outer shell cladding.
Significance of Effect	The impact of an effect on a receptor defined at one of the following significance levels: imperceptible, non-significant, slight, moderate, significant, very significant and profound.	Sustainable Development	Development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
Significant Effects	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity alters a sensitive aspect of the environment.	Temporary Effects	Effects lasting less than a year.
Site	Located at Irish grid reference O 03687 30780, within Profile Park, Dublin.	Time Weightings	A time weighting to denote the response of the sound level meter. For most measurements the Fast time weighting is selected (F) however, a slow time weighting (S) is often used to for the measurement train noise and vibration.
Slight Effects	An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment without affecting its sensitivities.	Topography	The natural and man-made features of an area collectively.
Sound Exposure Level	A level of a sound, of 1 s duration, that has the same sound energy as the actual noise event considered.	Unlikely Effects	The effects that can reasonably be expected not to occur because of the planned project if all mitigation measures are properly implemented
Sound Power Level	This is the total sound energy radiated from a given source. The sound power Level is 10 times the logarithm to base 10 of the ratio of the reference sound power level (1×10^{-12}) and the measured power.	Very Significant	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity significantly alters most of a sensitive aspect of the environment.
Sound Pressure Level	This is the unweighted or linear level which is measured prior to any weightings being applied. The sound pressure level is 20 times the logarithm to base 10 of the ratio of the reference sound pressure (2×10^{-5}) and the measured sound pressure.	Vibration	The periodic movements of structures transferred by ground and parts of the building, due to events such as train pass-by, piling, blasting or use of heavy machinery.
Sound Reduction Index	The laboratory measured sound insulation properties of a material or building element in octave or third octave bands.	Vibration Dose Value	The Vibration Dose Value is the vibration dose a person is expected to be exposed to over the course of the day or night. It is given by the fourth root of the time integral of the fourth power of the acceleration after it has been frequency-weighted.
South Dublin County Council	The South Dublin County Council (SDCC) which is the local planning authority for South Dublin County.	Weighted Sound Reduction Index	A single number which represents the sound reduction of a material. It is derived by plotting the sound reduction index against a set of reference curves. The curves are shifted until a best-fit is established and the curve which best fits the sound reduction spectrum is used to represent the single figure value.
South Dublin County Council Corporate Plan	Identifies South Dublin County Council's objectives and strategies for each of the councils' principal activities.		
South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022-2028	The relevant statutory development plan for the Site, adopted in August 2022.		

ABBREVIATIONS

AA	Appropriate Assessment	DCCOPP	Data Centre Connection Offer Process and Policy
AADT	Annual Average Daytime Traffic Flows	DMP	Dust Management Plan
ABP	An Bord Pleanála	DOAS	Dedicated Outside Air-handling Units
ADMS	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System	DS	Data Center
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability	DSMP	Delivery and Servicing Management Plan
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum	EB	East Bound
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area	EC	Environmental Commissions
AQO	Air Quality Objective	ED	Electoral Division
AQS	Air Quality Standards	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
BAT	Best Available Technique	EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
BH	Borehole	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
BMP	Biodiversity Management Plan	EMRA	Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly
BT	British Telecommunications	EPA	Environment Protection Agency
CAFE	Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe	EPUK	Environmental Protection UK
CCR	Climate Change Resilience	EQS	Environmental Quality Standards
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television	ERFB	Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
CDE	Construction, Demolition and Excavation	ESA	Ecological Survey Area
CDM	Construction Design and Management	ESB	Electricity Switch Board
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan	EU	European Union
CFA	Continuous Flight Auger	EV	Electric Vehicle
CFRAM	Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management	EVCP	Electric Charging Point
CGI	Computer Generated Image	FFL	Finished Floor Level
CIEEM	Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management	FM	Facilities Management
CLEA	Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment	FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
CLOCS	Construction Logistics and Community Safety	FTE	Full Time Equivalent
CLP	Construction Logistics Plan	GA	General Arrangement
CLR	Contaminated Land Report	GAC	Generic Assessment Criteria
CMP	Construction Management Plan	GDA	Greater Dublin Area
CO	Carbon Monoxide	GDSDS	Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Strategy
COMAH	Control of Major Accident and Hazard	GEA	Gross External Area
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health	GFA	Gross Floor Area
COVID 19	Coronavirus Disease	GHG	Greenhouse Gases
CSO	Central Statistics Office	GIA	Gross Internal Area
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan	GIS	Geographical Information System
DAS	Design and Access Statement	GLVIA	Guidance for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
DC	Data Center		

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Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

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GNI	Gas Networks Ireland	MCPD	Medium Combustion Plan Directive
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland	MFGP	Multifuel Generation Plant
GTv	Groundwater Threshold Values	MMP	Materials Management Plan
GWB	Groundwater Body	MPOE	Main Point of Entry
GWDT	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem	Mt	Medium Term
ha	Hectare	MV	Medium Voltage
HDV	Heavy Duty Vehicles	MW	Megawatts
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle	N/A	Not applicable
HRU	Heat Recovery Units	NB	North Bound
HSA	Health and Safety Authority	NBDC	National Biodiversity Data Centre
HV	High Voltage	NDP	National Development Plan
HVO	Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil	NHA	National Heritage Area
IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management	NIAH	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage
ICCI	In-Combination Climate Change Impacts	NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
ICT	Information and Communications Technology	NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
ID	Indirect	NPF	National Planning Framework
IDF	Intermediate Distribution Frame	NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Services
IE	Industrial Emissions	NRA	National Roads Authority
IED	Industrial Emissions Directive	NSS	National Spatial Strategy
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment	nZEB	Nearly Zero Energy Building
IGI	Geologist of Ireland	NRA	National Roads Authority
IGR	Irish Grid Reference	NSR	Noise Sensitive Receptor
IGV	Interim Guideline Values	NTS	Non-Technical Summary
IMS	Industrial Marine Silencers	NWCPO	National Waste Collection Permit Office
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention Control	OCEMP	Operational CEMP
IR	Irreversible	OPW	Office of Public Works
ISO	International Organisation of Standards	PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
ITS	Irish Traffic Surveys	PC	Process Contribution
LCA	Landscape Character Area	PCE	Pre-Connection Enquiry
LDV	Light Duty Vehicle	PEC	Process Environmental Contribution
LED	Light-Emitting Diode	PEM	Project Environmental Manager
LGV	Light Goods Vehicles	PI	Performance Indicator
LT	Long Term	PIA	Personal Injury Accident
LV	Low Voltage	PM _{2.5} /PM ₁₀	Particulate Material of a particular size fraction
LVHIA	Landscape, Visual and Heritage Impact Assessment	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	PPG	Planning Practice Guidance
m	Metre	PPV	Peak Particle Velocity
m AOD	Metres Above Ordnance Datum	PV	Photovoltaic

RFI	Request for Information
RPO	Regional Policy Objective
RSES	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
SA	Small Area
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SB	South Bound
SCR	Special Catalytic Reduction
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SID	Strategic Infrastructure Development
SRF	Soil Recovery Facility
SGV	Soil Guideline Values
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPOSH	Significant Potential of Significant Harm
ST	Short Term
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems
SWMP	Site Waste Management Plan
TA	Transport Assessment
TRL	Transport Research Laboratory
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
VP	View Point
WB	West Bound
WMP	Waste Management Plan
WMU	Water Management Unit
ZOI	Zone of Influence
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility