
PREAMBLE

Kildare County Council is required under Section 23 (1) of the Waste Management Act, 1996 to prepare a Waste Management Plan, having due regard to the Waste Management (Planning) Regulations, 1997. Kildare County Council have prepared a Waste Management Strategy Study and now compliments that study with the preparation of a Waste Management Plan.

The main objectives in developing a waste management plan for Kildare are to:

- comply with the principles of sustainable development;
- offer the best available environmental option not involving excessive cost;
- apportion costs in an equitable fashion;
- promote participation in waste management by the public at large and private/commercial organisations; and
- comply with current and impending national and EU policy and legislation concerning waste management.

The Plan is required to address the management of all non-hazardous waste to which the Waste Management Act 1996 refers, i.e. waste (including sludges) arising from household, commercial, industrial and agricultural sources other than sewage effluent or radioactive substances.

Kildare County Council invited interested parties to make submissions or representations in writing in relation to the proposed Plan by way of public advertisement. The Draft Waste Management Plan was put on public display and copies forwarded to the Prescribed Persons for the purpose of section 23(1) of the Act. As a result of the above, submissions were received on behalf of the following:

- Mr. L.C. Kelly BE
- Tir Na Mona
- The Eastern Health Board
- Thermal Waste Management
- Mr. J. Kavanagh
- Mr. E. Goodwin
- The North Kildare and South Meath Alliance against Incineration Ltd.
- Kilcock and Community Districts Council
- The Environmental Protection Agency
- Cllr. John McGinley
- Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment.

Where relevant, revisions have now been made to the Plan, to incorporate the views of the respondents.