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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 27th February 2024 which sought the following information:

Please provide the following information in relation to Minister Muir's meeting with 12th Earl of Shaftesbury, Nicholas Ashley-Cooper, and other Shaftesbury Estate representatives during the week 19th February-24th February 2024:

A copy of: (i) The meeting's time and duration.

(ii) The meeting's minutes.

(iii) A full list of those in attendance at the meeting.

(iv) The meeting's location(s).

(v) Any materials presented or circulated at the meeting(s).

(vi) Briefings, memos or any other kind of notes associated with the meeting(s).

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested, however, some of the information has been withheld as it constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject or may affect the course of justice. The Department has engaged EIR exemptions 12(3), 12(5)(b) and 13(1).

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The information which can be disclosed is detailed in the Annex and attached pdfs.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted contact information]

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ANNEX A

(i) *The meeting's time and duration.*

Wednesday 21st February 13.00 – 13.30

(ii) *The meeting's minutes.*

See attached Final Minutes pdf

(iii) *A full list of those in attendance at the meeting.*

See attached Final Minutes pdf

(iv) *The meeting's location(s).*

Clare House, 303 Airport Road West, Belfast

(v) *Any materials presented or circulated at the meeting(s).*

There was no presentation or material circulated at the meeting.

(vi) *Briefings, memos or any other kind of notes associated with the meeting(s).*

Please see attached Invitation briefing pdf.

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