

Public Interest Test – EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/24-132

Requested Information

Details of Development of site at Ballycorr Road Ballyclare ref: 241/24 DAERA report covering the full details of inspection, remediation agreed in 2021, follow up activities, next stage clean up and eventual sign off.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Exception 12(5)(b), if disclosure would adversely affect the course of justice, fair trial, conduct of a criminal or disciplinary inquiry

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Regulation 12(2) requires DAERA to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure
- DAERA is committed to conducting its business in a manner that is as open and transparent as possible;
- There is wide public interest in matters concerning the environment

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- NIEA's investigation has not reached a conclusion.
- The release of information would impact the ability of people to receive fair treatment in any future legal proceedings.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided that the information requested should not be released.

