

REVISED LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

DAERA/24-234 - Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 12(3) 13(1)

Request Details:

- A copy of all correspondence and communications between DAERA/NIEA & Dalradian Gold from 20th March 2024 to date, in respect of Water Abstraction & Impoundment licences & Discharge Consents. This includes all forms of written & verbal communications, any & all meetings, phone calls, emails, texts, letters, minutes/notes/post-its, including Major Client Interface Group.

Brief description of the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request

Within the request there is reference to contact details of third parties and to individual officers names and contact details.

LAWFULNESS

Please identify the lawful bases for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an EIR request.

The lawful bases for processing are set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

- Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

1. PURPOSE

As the disclosure of personal data under EIR is to the world at large doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. NECESSITY

The right of access under EIR does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**.

The Department has considered and not identified any such need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all of the information contained within this test, the Department has established that there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request.

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