

## **Public Interest Test – FOI**

**Reference Number – DAERA/26-61**

### **Requested Information**

Request to obtain a copy of report or relevant documentation in relation to investigation concerning 8 Pot Hill Lane

### **Exemption / Exception under consideration**

31.—(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice -

(a) the prevention or detection of crime,.

### **Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:**

- None

### **Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:**

- The CLUE Incident Management System is used by ECU to carry out investigations into suspected waste offending. Sharing details of the system to the world at large could give criminals an insight into our investigative methodologies and hinder our ability to prevent and detect crime.
- ECU do not create or issue closure reports, however an email has been issued to the appellant. The email confirmed that the incident was closed with no further action and a rationale for this decision was also provided.

### **Conclusion**

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided not to release the information as it may hinder its ability to conduct criminal investigations and therefore outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

  
  
**Environmental Crime Unit**