

**Natural Environment Division
Northern Ireland Environment Agency**



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and Rural Affairs**

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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 25 February 2026 which sought the following information:

Digital copies of all correspondence and documentation issued by either the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), or the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) to Shared Environmental Services (SES) in 2025, relating to transboundary environmental issues concerning the land spreading of poultry litter in the Republic of Ireland.

In particular and not limited to a digital copy of any correspondence, including associated annexes or attachments, issued by NIEA to SES regarding delays in transboundary consultation and land spreading of poultry litter in the Republic of Ireland, where it is noted as per the Minister Muir's statement on Monday 16 February 2026 in the NI Assembly that SES were told to proceed (by NIEA) in absence of advice from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

I attach copies of the requested information (with personal information redacted).

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Some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

The Department has considered this element and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists, bearing in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld under Section 13(1) of the EIR – Personal Data.

A Public Interest Test and a Lawful & Fairness test have been conducted and are attached (Annex 1 and 2).

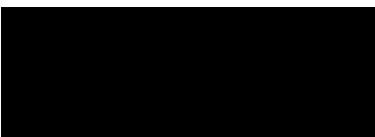
If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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,



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