

ANNEX 1

Public Interest Test – EIR

Marine and Fisheries Division (MFD)

Reference Number – DAERA/26-45

Requested Information

A copy of the responses received to the consultation on the Timetable and Work Programme for Development of Fourth Cycle River Basin Management Plan 2028 – 2033

Nature of Material: Consultation responses received for the above-named consultation.

Annexes A - AG

Exceptions under consideration

EIR Regulation 13 - Personal Information

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Public interest in transparency in the work of the Department.
- DAERA's policy to be as open and transparent as possible in relation to its functions and activities.
- Public interest in improving understanding of the process by which a decision was reached and having access to information on which decisions were made to enhance accountability.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

Regulation 13 - Personal Information not of the requester

Aspects of the information contains personal information that is not of the requester including names, email addresses, and telephone numbers.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test, the Department has decided that, on balance, the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest maintaining the exception engaged, which has been mitigated for through redaction of the

personal information.

I am satisfied that the public interest is best served by disclosing this information.

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