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05 March 2026

Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 05 February 2026 that sought the following information for biogas or anaerobic digestion plants across Ireland:

(1) Name of the facility and operating company, facility address and location.

The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) are the regulating authority in Northern Ireland. Not all anaerobic digesters in Northern Ireland require an authorisation from DAERA. Facilities that solely utilise green energy crops as feedstock do not require authorisation from DAERA.

The information DAERA holds pertains to those anaerobic digesters that are authorised to utilise waste as feedstock. Annex 1 contains a list of authorised anaerobic digesters with the facility name and address. A copy of each authorisation is available to download from the public registers [Waste Management Licensing |](#)

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(2) Annual produced energy per plant (e.g., GWh/year).

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information is not held. A Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached as Annex 2.

(3) Whether the biogas is upgraded to biomethane.

The information DAERA holds pertains to those anaerobic digesters that are authorised to utilise waste as feedstock. Annex 1 contains a list of authorised anaerobic digesters and whether the biogas is upgraded to biomethane.

(4) If upgrading is applied, the upgrading method or technology used (if available).

Under Regulation 12(5)(e) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is commercially sensitive. In these instances, the department is required to consider the public interest in complying with the request. A Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached as Annex 2.

If you are unhappy with the way 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,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name and title]

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ANNEX 1

Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Is biogas upgraded to biomethane?
WML 01/40 LN/14/20	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 22 Gobrana Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Antrim, BT29 4LQ	No
WML 05/18 LN/15/25	Alastair Taylor	Alastair Taylor, 21 Drumlee Road, Finvoy, Ballymoney, Antrim, BT53 7LE	No
WML 06/26 LN/14/07	Progress Energy (NI) Ltd	Progress Energy (NI) Ltd, 33 GREENOGUE ROAD, DROMORE, Down, BT25 1RG	No
WML 06/27 LN/14/21	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 156 BALLYGOWAN ROAD, BANBRIDGE, Down, BT32 3QS	No
WML 09/26 LN/12/10	Blakiston Houston Estates Company	Blakiston Houston Estates Company, 28 CARROWREAGH ROAD, Dundonald, Belfast, Down, BT16 1TS	No
WML 19/49 LN/12/35	Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute	Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute, Large Park, Hillsborough, Down, BT26 6DR	No
WML 20/34 LN/13/13	GTG Biogas Limited	GTG Biogas (Toomebridge) Limited, Land 20m W of 61 Creagh Road, Castledawson, Magherafelt, Londonderry, BT45 8EY	No
WML 22/61 LN/19/09	Narrow Water Assured Energy Ltd	Assured Energy LLP, Narrow Water Castle, Newry Road, Warrenpoint, Down, BT34 3LE	No
WML 29/04 LN/17/22	Clandeboyne Estate Company Ltd	Clandeboyne Estate Company Limited, Rear of Dairy Unit, Clandeboyne Estate Company, Crawfordsburn, Bangor, Down, BT23 4EA	No
WML 29/05 LN/22/13	Dunleith Estates Ltd	Dunleith Estates Ltd, 250m SE of The Estate Office, Ballywalter Park, Newtownards, Down, BT22 2PA	No

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Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Is biogas upgraded to biomethane?
WML 29/06 LN/21/11	RGWP Ltd	RGWP Ltd Lands adj to 90 Bowtown Road, Newtownards, Down, BT23 8SL	No
WML 30/02 LN/16/28	Bridge Energy (NI) Ltd	Bridge Energy (NI) Ltd, 31 Reservoir Road, Banbridge, Down, BT32 4LD	No
WML 30/05 LN/17/07	Gilfresh Produce	Gilfresh Produce t/a Gilfresh Produce, 56 Creenagh Road, Loughgall, Armagh, BT61 8PZ	No
WML 30/06 LN/17/14/V2	Edenmore Biogas Ltd	Edenmore Biogas Ltd, 36 Taughlumny Road, Donaghcloney, Craigavon, Down, BT66 7NX	No
WML 30/14 LN/17/53	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 85 Drumnagoon Road, Portadown Road, Craigavon, Armagh, BT63 5RF	No
WML 30/20 LN/18/22	Slade Developments Ltd	Slade Developments Ltd Stramore AD Ltd, 200m W of 85 Stramore Road, Gilford, Armagh, BT63 6HN	No
WML 30/34 LN/20/05	Hunniford Energy Limited	Hunniford Energy Limited, 76 MOY ROAD, PORTADOWN, Armagh, BT62 1QW	No
WML 30/40 LN/18/32/T	Biogas 74 (NI) Ltd	Biogas 74 (NI) Ltd, 74 CORNAKINNEGAR ROAD, LURGAN, Armagh, BT67 9JN	No
WML 30/44 LN/23/11	Ramgen Ltd	Ramgen Ltd, 16 CROSSNENAGH ROAD, KEADY, Armagh, BT60 3HW	No
WML 32/08 LN/17/36	LacPatrick Dairies NI (Ltd)	LacPatrick Dairies NI (Ltd), 60m S of 75 Creamery Road, Cloyfin, Coleraine, Londonderry, BT52 2NE	No
WML 32/09 LN/20/22	Kilmoyale AD Ltd	Kilmoyale AD Ltd 7 Kilmoyale Road, Ballymoney, Antrim, Bt53 6NR	No
WML 32/13	JustFarm	JustFarmEnergy Limited, 84	No

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LN/20/20	Energy Limited	CARHILL ROAD, GARVAGH, Londonderry, BT51 5PQ	
WML 32/14 LN/23/01	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP 133 BARANAILT ROAD, Limavady, Londonderry, BT49 9LT	No
WML 33/07 LN/16/22	ALG Biogas Ltd	ALG Biogas Ltd, 42 Deerpark Road, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LB	No
WML 33/09 LN/16/49	Greenville Energy Ltd	Greenville Energy Ltd, 40 Greenville Road, Ardstraw, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LU	Yes
WML 33/12 LN/18/17	WH Energy Ltd	WH Energy Ltd, 160m S of 38 Baronscourt Road, Laragh, Newtownstewart, Omagh, Tyrone, BT78 4EY	No
WML 33/13 LN/18/03	ALG Biogas Ltd	ALG Biogas Ltd, 2 Strahans Road, Strabane, Tyrone, BT82 9SF	No
WML 33/14 LN/22/02	Gorthill AD Ltd	Gorthill AD Ltd 19a Backhill Road, Eglinton, Londonderry, BT47 3JR	No
WML 33/15 LN/21/21	Willsborough Ltd	Willsborough Ltd, 75 Donnybrewer Road , Eglinton, Derry, Londonderry, BT47 3PD	No
WML 33/17 LN/20/07	Hillside Combined Renewable Systems Ltd	Hillside Combined Renewable Systems Ltd 29 ERGANAGH ROAD, CASTLEDERG, Tyrone, BT81 7JQ	No
WML 33/22 LN/18/07	Evergreen Natural Energy Ltd	Evergreen Natural Energy Ltd, 100m NW of 26 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Newtownstewart, Tyrone, BT78 4LA	No
WML 34/02 LN/16/09/M	Stephen Bothwell	Stephen Bothwell, 80m N of 71 Creevehill Road, Fivemiletown, Fermanagh, BT75 0SX	No
WML 34/15 LN/14/26/T	Winters Renewables	t/a Winters Renewables 21 SHANNARAGH ROAD,	No

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		DROMORE, Tyrone, BT78 3EJ	
WML 35/03 LN/17/32	Assured Energy LLP	Assured Energy LLP, 121 Comber Road, Hillsborough, Down, BT26 6NA	No
WML 35/09 LN/19/12/V3	Alternity Biogas Energy Limited	McCulla SPV1 Ltd, Unit 5 Blaris Industrial Estate, Lisburn, Antrim, BT27 5QB	Yes
WML 37/01 LN/16/41/M	PAR Biogas Ltd	Par Biogas Ltd, Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown, Tyrone, BT80 8SD	No
WML 37/02 LN/17/17	Caledon Estates Company	Caledon Estates Company, Annaghroe Road, Derrykintone, Caledon, Tyrone, BT68 4UJ	No
WML 37/03 LN/17/18	GTG Biogas Limited	GTG Biogas (Ballymoyle) Ltd, lands 185m E of 5 Ardagh Road, Coagh, Cookstown, Londonderry, BT80 0AU	No
WML 37/04/T LN/19/11/T	The Paul Partnership	The Paul Partnership, 9 Curragh Road, Maghera, Londonderry, BT46 5ER	No
WML 37/14 LN/18/16	Springwell Renewables Ltd	Springwell Renewables Ltd, 86 DRUMFLUGH ROAD, BENBURB, Tyrone, BT71 7QF	No
WML 37/15 LN/20/10	Lodge Renewables Limited	Lodge Renewables Limited, 1 GORTNASKEY ROAD, DRAPERSTOWN, Londonderry, BT45 7JX	No
WPPC 04/04 P0469/15A/V1	Anaerobic Advantage Limited	Tully Biogas Plant, 116 Moorfields Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3HJ	No
WPPC 15/06 P0413/12A/V3	Granville Ecopark Limited	Granville Biogas Facility, Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 INJ	Yes
P0075/05A	The Foyle Food Group Ltd	Lisahally Campsie LONDONDERRY, Co. Londonderry BT47 6TJ	No
P0106/05A	JMW Farms Riverside	Tonnagh Farm 35 Tonnagh Hill Road Killylea Armagh, Co. Armagh BT60 4PZ	No

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Waste Authorisation Number	Licence/Permit Holder	Site address	Is biogas upgraded to biomethane?
P0556/17A	Strathroy Dairy Ltd	41 Strathroy Road OMAGH, Co. Tyrone BT79 7JD	No

ANNEX 2

Public Interest Test – EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/26-74

Requested Information:

request the following information for biogas or anaerobic digestion plants across Ireland:

- If upgrading is applied, the upgrading method or technology used (if available)

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - Regulation 12(5)(e) - adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information.

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.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

The information requested above relates to individual Companies involved in commercial contracts with the potential for this information to give a commercial advantage to a competitor of the companies involved.

Therefore, to release this information would cause a substantial prejudice to the commercial undertaking and economic interest to the companies, which impacts on the public interest of the wider economy.

The Department, having previously consulted with such Companies (e.g. authorised waste operators), has prior knowledge of their position which is that they consider giving out such detailed information as commercially sensitive as if the information were released it would provide a competitor with an unfair advantage.

Conclusion

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In considering the Public Interest Test in relation to the use of this exception we recognise that Regulation 12(2) requires DAERA to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure and to be as open and transparent as possible. However, withholding the information under Regulation 12(5)(e) allows the companies to operate in a fair market without unfair advantage being given to competitors therefore the public interest in favour of disclosure is outweighed by that in favour of withholding.

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