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Environmental Resources Policy
Division**



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and Rural Affairs**

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30 March 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 7 March 2026 that sought the following information:

- A list of all quarry or aggregate extraction sites in Northern Ireland that entered into an Aggregates Levy Credit Agreement under the scheme.

For each site, please provide:

- operator/company name
- site name and location
- the date the Aggregates Levy Credit Agreement commenced
- the date the agreement ended or ceased to apply
- confirmation of whether the site was issued an Aggregates Levy Credit Certificate.

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- Copies of the standard Aggregates Levy Credit Agreement template used for Northern Ireland operators.
- Copies of any environmental audit reports, compliance assessments, or monitoring reports produced under the Code of Practice for the Aggregates Industry in Northern Ireland for sites participating in the scheme.
- Any summary reports or internal departmental documents listing participating sites or reviewing compliance with the scheme.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested.

The information held which can be disclosed is attached at **Annex B**.

As some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject, 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 such disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large”, and not just you the requester. Consequently, the personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

Regulations 12(3) and 13(1) of the EIR provide for the withholding of personal information of which you are not the data subject. A lawfulness test has been conducted and is attached as **Annex A**.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose information sought that is not held. Aggregates Credit Levy Scheme files have been disposed of in line with the Departments Retention and Disposal Policy. This can be found at:

[DAERA Retention and Disposal Schedule.pdf](#)

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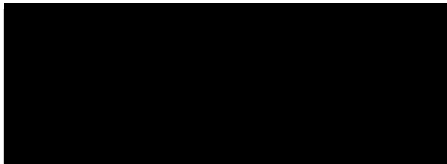
If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post

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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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