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Dear Mr Maneely,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

1. Communications and dates of communications between the NIEA and the B9 Plant operators over these past two years.

In answer the Department has understood that the facility referred to as B9 Plant operators, is currently operated by Granville Ecopark Limited, Permit No. P0413 12A and its parent company Bio Captial Group. For the purposes of this return searches were limited to communications to 25th February 2024 – 25th February 2026, and only communications between NIEA staff and Granville Ecopark Limited and Bio Captial Group directly relating to Permit No. P0413 12A.

Records meeting these criteria have been supplied.

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 within the test attached at Annex A and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under FOI exists. Please bear in mind that any

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disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just to you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

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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