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Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 2 February 2026 which sought the following information:

All NIEA/DAERA records relating to planning consultations for Atlantic Hub / Atlantic Hub Property Ltd at Maydown Road / Coolkeeragh, including consultation responses, supporting analysis, drafts, internal discussions, and communications with DCSDC Planning and other bodies.

This includes records associated with planning application LA11/2023/1729/RM (and any linked planning references where relevant).

Tier 1 — Core records

1. *Formal consultation responses issued by WMU and NED to DCSDC Planning (including any follow-up responses).*

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2. *Supporting documents relied upon for those responses (screening notes, checklists, evidence files, maps, ecology desk assessment materials).*
3. *Any NI Water capacity correspondence received/considered by WMU in relation to sewage disposal/WWTW constraints.*

Tier 2 — Wider records

4. *Drafts and internal deliberations*
 - *All drafts of consultation responses, internal comments/clearance, and discussion about risks to surface water, groundwater, designated sites, and cumulative impacts.*
5. *External communications*
 - *Communications between NIEA/DAERA and: DCSDC Planning, DfI Rivers, NI Water, Loughs Agency/Inland Fisheries, developer/agents/consultants, and any government departments.*
6. *Records relating to transboundary/cumulative considerations*
 - *Any notes of whether cross-border waters or receptors were considered and the basis for conclusions reached.*
7. *Meetings/site visits/calls*
 - *Notes/minutes, attendance lists, diaries (where held), site visit records.*

You have confirmed the planning application reference is LA11/2023/1729/RM and we have identified LA11/2025/0037/DC as a related planning application.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as **Annex A & B**.

I refer you to DAERA/25-677 and the response issued to you on 27 November 2025, which contains the information relevant to Tier 1 point 3 and Tier 2 point 4,5,6 and 7 of this request.

Some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data Subject; this information is being withheld under Regulations 12(3) and (13(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). 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 C** and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists. Please bear in mind that any 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.

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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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