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Dear ██████████,

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004.**

**Lands at Cullyhanna Little, Folios 14460 and 23624, County Armagh**

Thank you for your clarification e-mail received by the Department on 31 March 2026, in which, you provided the Farm Survey number and field numbers relevant to your request.

The Department has considered your request and carried out a search of records. I can confirm that it holds some information related to your request and will respond to your questions in the order listed.

- 1. Whether DAERA holds records of area-based scheme claims (SFP, BPS, etc.) associated with these lands, or corresponding LPIS land parcels, from 1996 to the present?**

DAERA do not hold copies of scheme applications prior to 2008 as these have been disposed of in line with the Department's Retention and Disposal of Records Schedule. I must advise that information relating to claimant details and payment information is considered to be personal information belonging to a third party, of which you may not be the data subject. Under existing guidance and in accordance with the principles outlined in the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulations, the Department is unable to release the personal data that may fall under this request.

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The Department considers regulations 12(3) and 13(1) of the EIR to be engaged, which state:

12(3) "To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject, the personal data shall not be disclosed other than in accordance with Regulation 13"; and

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**2. What information, if any, is publicly releasable regarding the declared basis of occupation or use (for example, owner-occupied, tenant, or conacre) associated with claims on these specific parcels?**

I must advise you the Department only holds information on land claimed by farmer(s)/farm businesses who are actively farming to activate Basic Payment entitlements and does not hold information on land ownership. Land tenure arrangements for lands declared on scheme applications ceased to be recorded after 2014 as ownership of land is not a requirement for claiming area-based schemes.

**3. Whether DAERA holds any historical maps, parcel boundary changes, or land-use records relevant to these lands from 1996 to the present?**

DAERA does not hold maps that indicate land ownership. The Department of Finance's Land & Property Services (LPS) maintains Land Registry information on ownership. Therefore, I would advise you to approach LPS in relation to any ownership queries. DAERA can only provide information relating to "claimed" maps, such maps show a Business Identification number, Business name and all of the fields claimed by a specific business. Unfortunately, as you are not a scheme claimant, DAERA cannot provide an updated map for lands where you have not claimed entitlements.

DAERA holds claim maps that are accessible to claimants of area-based schemes. As you are not a scheme claimant it is not possible to provide you with copies of historical maps relating to the lands in question.

**4. If any specific personal data is restricted, whether you can provide a redacted land parcel history showing the years of claim and the categories of occupation/use recorded for each year?**

As outlined previously, information relating to claimant details and payment information is considered to be personal information belonging to a third party, of which you may not be the data subject. Under existing guidance and in accordance with the principles outlined in the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulations, the Department is unable to release the personal data that may fall under this request. Please note, any third party/personal information has been withheld as the Department considers this to be personal data of which you are not the data subject.

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As some of the information held constitutes personal data, 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”. A lawful, fairness and transparency test has been conducted and is attached.

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 to just you, the requester. Consequently, the personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

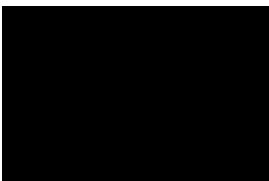
If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact the AESD Information Management Team at the email address or telephone number above in the first instance, to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, 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.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone, e-mail or at the address above. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,



**Agricultural and Environmental Schemes Division**

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