

Annex C

Public Interest Test – FOI

Reference Number – DAERA/26-245

Requested Information

6. Record-keeping and case management

Any information held describing:

- **the systems, processes, or records used by NIEA to record:**
 - o **communications (including telephone calls)**
 - o **decisions**
 - o **enforcement actions**

in relation to this case.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Regulation 12(4)(e) – internal communications

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

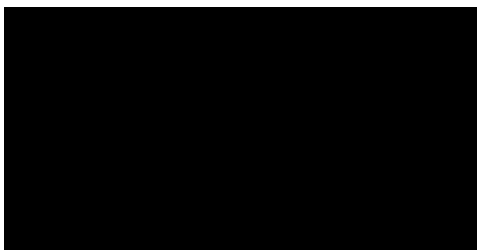
The transparency and accountability of public authorities.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

Contains information with regards to communications and decision making that if released may hinder the Department conducting criminal investigations.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided not to release the information as it may hinder its ability to communicate and make decisions with regards to criminal investigations and therefore outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.



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