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08 May 2026

Dear [Redacted]

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 which sought the following information:

*Re: Licensed Landfill Gas Energy Generation Sites — NI Permit Register & Operational Status*

*Dear Freedom of Information / EIR Officer,*

*I am writing to request information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). The information requested relates to the regulation of landfill gas utilisation and energy generation in Northern Ireland and constitutes environmental information for the purposes of the EIR. Alternatively, if NIEA considers any part of this request to fall outside the EIR, please process it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

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## *Background*

*Landfill gas (LFG) is generated by the biological decomposition of biodegradable waste at landfill sites. Its principal component, methane, is a potent greenhouse gas. In Northern Ireland, a number of landfill sites capture LFG and either utilise it for electricity generation (typically under NIRO accreditation) or destroy it by flaring. There is a public interest in understanding which sites are currently generating electricity from LFG, which are flaring gas without utilisation, and what generation capacity exists across the NI landfill estate.*

## *Information Requested*

*I request the following information held by NIEA in relation to landfill gas utilisation and electricity generation in Northern Ireland:*

*1. A list of all landfill sites in Northern Ireland that currently hold, or have previously held, a permit, licence, or consent specifically authorising landfill gas electricity generation or landfill gas utilisation for energy purposes.*

*For each site on this list, please provide, to the extent the information is held:*

- Site name and site address (or grid reference)*
- Name of the permit or licence holder (operator)*
- Permit, licence, or consent reference number*
- Installed electricity generation capacity (kW or MW), as stated in the permit or associated documentation*
- Date the permit or consent was issued*
- Current status of the permit or consent (active, surrendered, revoked, or expired)*
- Current operational status of LFG generation at the site, to the extent NIEA holds this: whether the site is (a) actively generating electricity from LFG, (b) flaring LFG without electricity generation, (c) no longer generating or flaring, or (d) operational status not known to NIEA*

*2. For any sites where NIEA holds information indicating that LFG is being captured but not utilised for electricity generation (i.e. being flared), please provide the site name, operator, and the basis on which NIEA holds this information (e.g. permit condition, inspection record, operator report).*

*I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested:*

*Please see answers to your requests below highlighted in [blue](#).*

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P0044/04A	Drummee Landfill Site, Lat:54.3518, Long:-7.6816 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2006, Closure Plan submitted June 2024 – collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW or more but less than 50MW
P0087/05A	Craigmore Landfill, Lat:55.0328, Long:-6.72 - Date of start of operation (or best estimate) 2007, Active – collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0143/06A	Magheraglass Landfill Site – Lat: 54.6338, Long: -6.865-Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2007, closed, accepting inert material for restoration - collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0145/06A	Lisbane Landfill Lat: 54.3388, Long: -6.3886 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2009, closed, accepting inert material for restoration - collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0148/06A	Craigahulliar Landfill Lat: 55.19, Long: -6.6161 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2007, closed to municipal waste October 2024. permit variation to close- collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0152/06A	Aughnagun Landfill Site Lat: 54.1614, Long: -6.2485 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 1996, closed in April 2015 but permit is still live - collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0154/06A	Drumanakelly Landfill Site Lat: 54.3325, Long: -5.8749 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2006, Landfill is closed but permit is still live - collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0184/07A	Tullyvar Landfill Site Lat: 54.4381, Long: -7.0048 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2008, Active - collection and utilisation of

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	landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0351/10A	Ballymacvea Landfill Site (Leachate Treatment Plant) Lat: 54.7993, Long: -6.2614 - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2011, Active - collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0380/11A	Culmore Landfill Site – LTP Lat: 55.0595, Long: -7.0256 – Functional - Date of starting operation (or best estimate) 2012, collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW
P0090/05A	Cottonmount Landfill site - Biffa Waste Services Ltd – Lat: 54.6821, Long: -6.0138 – Functional – Date of starting operations (or best estimate) 2005, collection and utilisation of landfill gas for flaring or for energy recovery in an appliance with rated thermal input of less than 3MW

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Riverridge Ltd. (Craigmore Landfill & MRF P0087/05A), 56 Craigmore Rd, Ringsend, Garvagh, BT51 5HF as per operator reports

Glassmullagh Closed Non-Haz Landfill (WML 16/01- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council), Thomastown Road Enniskillen, as per operator report

Drummee Closed Non-Haz Landfill (P0044/04A- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council), Derrygonnelly Road Enniskillen as per operator report.

Lisbane landfill P0145/06A, Bluesky resource recovery ltd. Permit condition.

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](mailto: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.

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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,

## **Waste Permitting**

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