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Request for information relating to the  
Green Growth Strategy and SULS  
Projects Phase 1& 2



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Dear ██████████

### **Environmental Information Regulation 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 13 May 2026 that sought the following information:

1. *A copy of the SEA completed, or justification for exemption, for the Green Growth Strategy.*
2. *A copy of the HRAs completed for the approval of each SULS project, or justification for their exemption.*
3. *A copy of the Terms of Reference (Approval, Monitoring & Reporting: scope & criteria) for SULS projects phase 1 & 2.*
4. *Ex-ante and ex post evaluation TORs, for this policy & projects, in terms of their scope regarding:*
  - *Environmental Impact Assessment*
    - *Air Quality Impact Assessment*
    - *Water Quality Impact Assessment - Water Framework Directive Assessment*

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- *Biodiversity Impact Assessment - species, sites & habitats (including soil quality indicators)*
- *Ecosystem Impact Assessment - Services, Integrity & Resilience*
- *Climate Change Impact Assessment*
  - *Lifecycle Assessment for GHG emissions & sequestration*
  - *Risk Assessment -*
    - *Uncertainty - effectiveness assumptions: mitigation, adaption, avoidance*
    - *Unintended Consequences / Outcomes - Pollution Swapping: including taxonomic, spatial & temporal*
- *Public Health & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (including inequalities)*
  - *Hazard: Source, Pathway & Receptor*
    - *Air, Water, Vector & Food borne diseases*
    - *Pest infestation*
    - *Animal (zoonotic) & plant diseases*
    - *Aeroallergens*
    - *Antimicrobial Resistance*
    - *Chemical & radiation hazardous materials, processes & emissions*
    - *Catastrophic structural collapse*
    - *Explosion & fire*
    - *Occupational hazards & transport*
    - *Food contamination*
    - *Mental Health: Community Anxiety & Social Cohesion (Safety & Trust)*
  - *Impact: Morbidity, Mortality & Social impacts*
  - *Probability: Baseline & Risk Level Assessment*

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested. Copies of the relevant documents are attached in PDF format to this response.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that some of the information sought is not held. The Department does not hold the information requested in points 2 or 4 of your request.

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

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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.

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,

**SULS Project Team**  
**Green Growth and Innovation Division**

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