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Date: 8 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Thank you for your email correspondence received by the Department on 13 May 2026 and clarification email of 14 May 2026, in which you have requested information in relation to FSN 001/095/106 Fields 17A and 17B at the address above for the period 2025 to date.

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. I will respond to your questions in the order they were listed:

- 1. Confirmation of any DAERA Business Identifiers (including FB1 or others) linked to the full postal address of the lands, as referenced above for the 2025 scheme year.**

The Department has considered this aspect of your request and undertaken a search of records. The third-party identified has authorised the Department to provide you with some of the information you require. I can confirm that a farm business, in the name of McLernon Farms was previously linked to the address at 6 Killyfad Road, Randalstown, Co. Antrim, BT41 3LZ until 7 July 2025.

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Departmental records were updated on 8 July 2025 to reflect a change of address for the Farm Business that was previously registered at this address to reflect a change in its operation.

It should be noted that this is a disclosure under the Data Protection Act 2018 based on the specific and informed consent of the third-party named and must not be disclosed further or made available to the world at large.

Please note information relating to FB1 or other forms submitted by the third-party during the 2025 scheme year has been withheld as the Department considers this to be personal data of which you are not the data subject. 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

13(1) "To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject."

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 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.

2. Details of any premises registrations, flock numbers, herd numbers, or animal keeping notifications (particularly for poultry) associated with the above address, including the Business Id. they are linked to and the dates of registration for the 2025 scheme year.

The Department has considered this part of your request, and, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

3. Confirmation whether the Department has received any notifications or applications indicating that poultry or other livestock operations are kept or operated at, or using, the lands referenced for the 2025 scheme year.

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4. Any information held regarding the separateness assessment between my FB2-registered activities and any other Business Id. at the lands referenced for the 2025 scheme year.

The Department has considered this aspect of your request, and, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

5. Copies of any relevant correspondence or notifications held by DAERA concerning the use of the lands for agricultural or animal keeping purposes, as referenced for the 2025 scheme year.

The Department has considered this aspect of your request, and, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact the Agricultural and Environmental Schemes Division 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 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.

Yours sincerely,

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[Redacted name]

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