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Dear 

### **Environmental Information Regulation 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 05 June 2026 as detailed below.

**Information in relation to an ecological/ environmental study which was carried out on behalf of Strand Homes UK. This is in relation to a proposed development of 135 houses to be situated behind Manor Farm, Manor Wood, Donaghadee and is in addition to the ongoing development at High Trees, Donaghadee.**

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

We identified 1 planning consultation related to the High Trees, Donaghadee development - LA06/2022/1274/F. In relation to this, there is a Preliminary Ecological Assessment on the NI Planning Register. However, this information is not ours to release. A search on the NI Planning Register also showed planning application LA06/2026/O291/PAN – 135 houses, for the area in question. We have

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not been consulted on this planning application.

DAERA is not responsible for the information requested. I suggest that you contact the planning authority at Ards & North Down Borough Council who may hold the relevant information and are better able to advise. You can contact them via this link: [planning@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:planning@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk) .

If you require further clarification from NIEA on this matter, when corresponding, please provide a planning application reference number.

If 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.

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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