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Information relating to two ponds located near NWP site between Glenside Road and Ballycolin Road, Belfast, which were infilled/ removed/ altered during the period 2024–2026



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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 10 June 2026 as detailed below.

Seeking information relating to two ponds located on or adjacent to the Natural World Products site between Glenside Road and Ballycolin Road, Belfast, which I understand were infilled, removed or otherwise altered during the period 2024–2026.

Please provide any information held relating to:

1. Ecological surveys undertaken in relation to these ponds or the surrounding area.
2. Surveys for protected species, including amphibians and smooth newts.
3. Habitat assessments, biodiversity assessments or ecological impact assessments relating to the ponds.
4. Planning conditions, environmental permit conditions or other regulatory requirements concerning the ponds or associated habitats.

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5. Any licences, mitigation plans, translocation plans or species protection measures relating to amphibians or other protected species.
6. Correspondence between public authorities, consultants or the site operator concerning the ecological value, removal, infilling or alteration of the ponds.
7. Any maps, reports, photographs or records identifying the location and status of the ponds before and after the works.

The approximate location is within the Natural World Products site area between Glenside Road and Ballycolin Road, Belfast, in proximity to Slievenacloy Nature Reserve. Please find map attached with area where ponds were located circled.

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.

Following a search of all relevant systems we have not found any of the information sought within the dates provided.

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 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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