

Reference Number: DAERA/26-481

Request Details:

all DAERA and associated bodies' or agencies' communications and correspondence (both electronic and physical, internal and external) in relation to Moy Park and Lough Neagh since 2019.

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Dear [Redacted],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 15 July 2026 as detailed above.

In that request, you asked us for *details of all DAERA and associated bodies' or agencies' communications and correspondence (both electronic and physical, internal and external) in relation to Moy Park and Lough Neagh since 2019.*

We have considered your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. At this stage, we consider that the request may be formulated in too general a manner within the meaning of regulation 12(4)(c). The scope is not sufficiently clear for us to identify the information sought without further particulars.

In accordance with regulation 9, we are providing advice and assistance to help you clarify or narrow the request. It would assist us if you could confirm: the specific issue or subject linking Moy Park and Lough Neagh; which associated bodies or agencies you intend to include; and whether the date range can be narrowed.

We have considered the public interest test. We recognise the public interest in openness and transparency about environmental matters, particularly matters concerning Lough Neagh. However, at this stage, the public interest in maintaining regulation 12(4)(c) outweighs the public interest in disclosure because responding without clarification may result in the wrong information being identified or relevant

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information being missed. Once clarification is received, we will treat it as a fresh request under the EIR. The Department is not able to identify if it holds any information falling within the scope of your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive.

To help us do so, I would like to know the following:

- which associated bodies or agencies are intended, for example NIEA or any other named arm's-length or operational body.
- the specific issue linking Moy Park and Lough Neagh that you are seeking information on, such as water quality, pollution, nutrients, enforcement, regulation, policy.
- Narrow the date range within the period since 2019, if possible.
- Provide relevant keywords, sites or projects to help identify the information sought.

Please note that in line with ICO guidance, the 20-working day timeline for answering the request will restart on receipt of your clarification.

If I do not receive appropriate clarification by 21 October 2026 which is three months from the date of this letter, then your request will be considered closed.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please feel free to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the official.