

DECISION LOG

DECISION DETAILS

[428] Joint site inspection with DAERA Wildlife Officer. 08/10/25..

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Decision: Joint site inspection with DAERA Wildlife Officer. 08/10/25.

Reason:

Date of Decision: 08/10/2025 at: 09:48

Decision Maker:

Type: Investigative Decision

Review After: on:

CUSTOM FIELDS

Resulting Actions: Allegation of unlawful dumping site visit to establish facts- Nature deposits-where deposits and by whom. Joint inspection as complaint is also about habitats in the area.

Other Decision Makers:

RECORD PROPERTIES +

Sustainability at the heart of a living, working,
active landscape valued by everyone

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[871] Sent for closure NFA.

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Decision: Sent for closure NFA

Reason:

Matter relates firstly to the construction works involved in the refurbishment of an old pub into apartments. Site visit observed material from ongoing works being collected in skips onsite. Landowner has since provided WTNs for these works. 2nd issue relates to large scale excavation works/landscaping and levelling of adjoining fields. Site inspection did not observed any waste being brought onsite or waste being buried. Some site derived material being moved about essentially soil and stone, essentially inert material. No waste issues. Site inspection with NIEA wildlife officer whilst matter has been reported to local planning officer with updates provided. Matter to be closed as it doesn't fall under remit of waste offending. If there is issues essentially local planning.

Date of Decision: 20/01/2026 at: 13:14

Decision Maker:

Type: Closure

Review After: on:

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[957] To close incident.

DETAILS

Decision: To close incident

Reason:

Site remediated outcome with figures included

Date of Decision: 06/02/2026 at: 10:31

Decision Maker:

Type: Closure

Review After: on:

CUSTOM FIELDS

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2025 12:25
To: 'planning@derrystrabane.com'
Subject: 93 Bonds Glen Road BT47 3ST

Hi, I was looking to contact someone within the Planning enforcement team to discuss an incident that was reported to our department.

The matter relates to a site with Planning application reference LA11/2025/0591/F 93 Bonds Glen Road BT47 3ST.

I was informed that this site is the subject of enforcement order, and I was hoping to discuss the matter with an officer.

Many thanks

[REDACTED] NIEA Environmental Crime Unit
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2025 12:25
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Hi [REDACTED]

This would not be an issue for members of the AONB team to be involved with except occasionally through the Planning Application Process.

The local Planning Authority (within the Council) would be able to tell you whether there is a Planning Application for this work and any associated conditions. They would also be the responsible party to consider whether, if there is no Planning Application, whether the works are classed as development and whether they need to look at enforcement.

Alternative, if it is not development it might be considered to be an agricultural change of use – another part of DAERA would deal with this (it isn't within Natural Environment Division).

To make it easily found for others, I note that that address is around the junction of Gorntnaskey Lane with Bonds Glen Road.

You could remove me from the Cc list at this stage thanks

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CCL Connecting People and Nature
Natural Environment Division, NIEA, DAERA

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2025 11:50
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Hi [REDACTED]

At this stage I also have no information other than that provided by the complainant.

There have no been previous reports made to the Wildlife Team, hence the request to undertake a joint site visit. We checked yesterday and it appears that the group have not referred this matter to the PSNI.

We have also followed this matter up with local planning, but to date have had no response. You may consider seeking additional clarification from your team

I do not deal with AONB designations but have copied in [REDACTED] who will hopefully be able to clarify the details.

Happy to discuss.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 October 2025 11:16

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED], DAERA NIEA ELMS

Wildlife

Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

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[REDACTED]
NIEA ECU

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 September 2025 10:47
To: DAERA Environmental Crime <EnvironmentalCrime@daera-ni.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Wildlife
Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

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Thanks

[REDACTED]
Senior Wildlife Inspector
Northern Ireland Environment Agency
[REDACTED]

From: DAERA NIEA ELMS Wildlife <elmswildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 September 2025 09:10
To: [REDACTED]

Environmental Crime <EnvironmentalCrime@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] ELMS Wildlife <elmswildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Subject: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Importance: High

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Many thanks

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 September 2025 16:10

To: DAERA NIEA ELMS Wildlife <elmswildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Urgent report of unlawful excavations, habitat destruction and protected species disturbance.

I wish to report, on behalf of Bonds Glen Environment Group, what appears to be ongoing unlawful excavations and associated environmental damage at lands at 77 Bonds Glen Road, Killaloo, Co Londonderry which has been ongoing for a prolonged period from approximately 2023 to present (there is currently illegal landfilling of waste construction material):

The activities observed include:

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I have photographic evidence documenting some of these activities and their impacts which I am willing to share upon request.

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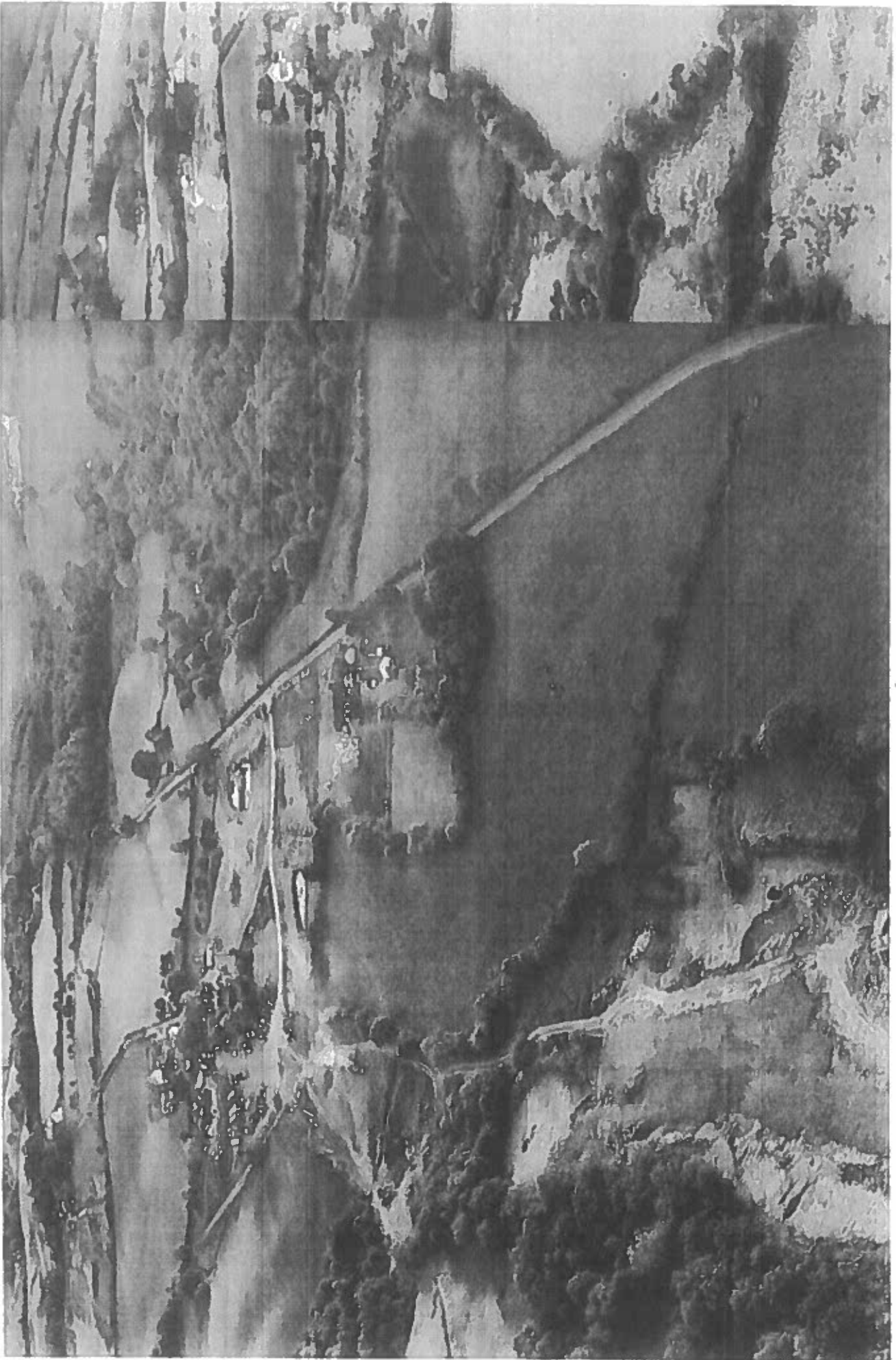
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[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]



[REDACTED]
From:

Sent: 01 October 2025 12:00

To:

Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for this.

Yeah on my system I have an update from the complainant regarding Planning -

"The disposal site is on premises at 77 Bonds Glen Road (Planners have confirmed this premises is the subject of an Enforcement Order). Material being deposited here is from ongoing works at 93 Bonds Glen Road. A planning application was submitted on 21st August (LA11/2025/0591/F refers). Works have commenced already and significant construction waste is dumped at the rear of the premise AND at 77 Bonds Glen Road in contravention of supporting documents specifically the DAS."

I will follow up with Planning to see if I get any further info but would appreciate any updates you receive.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] <elmswildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

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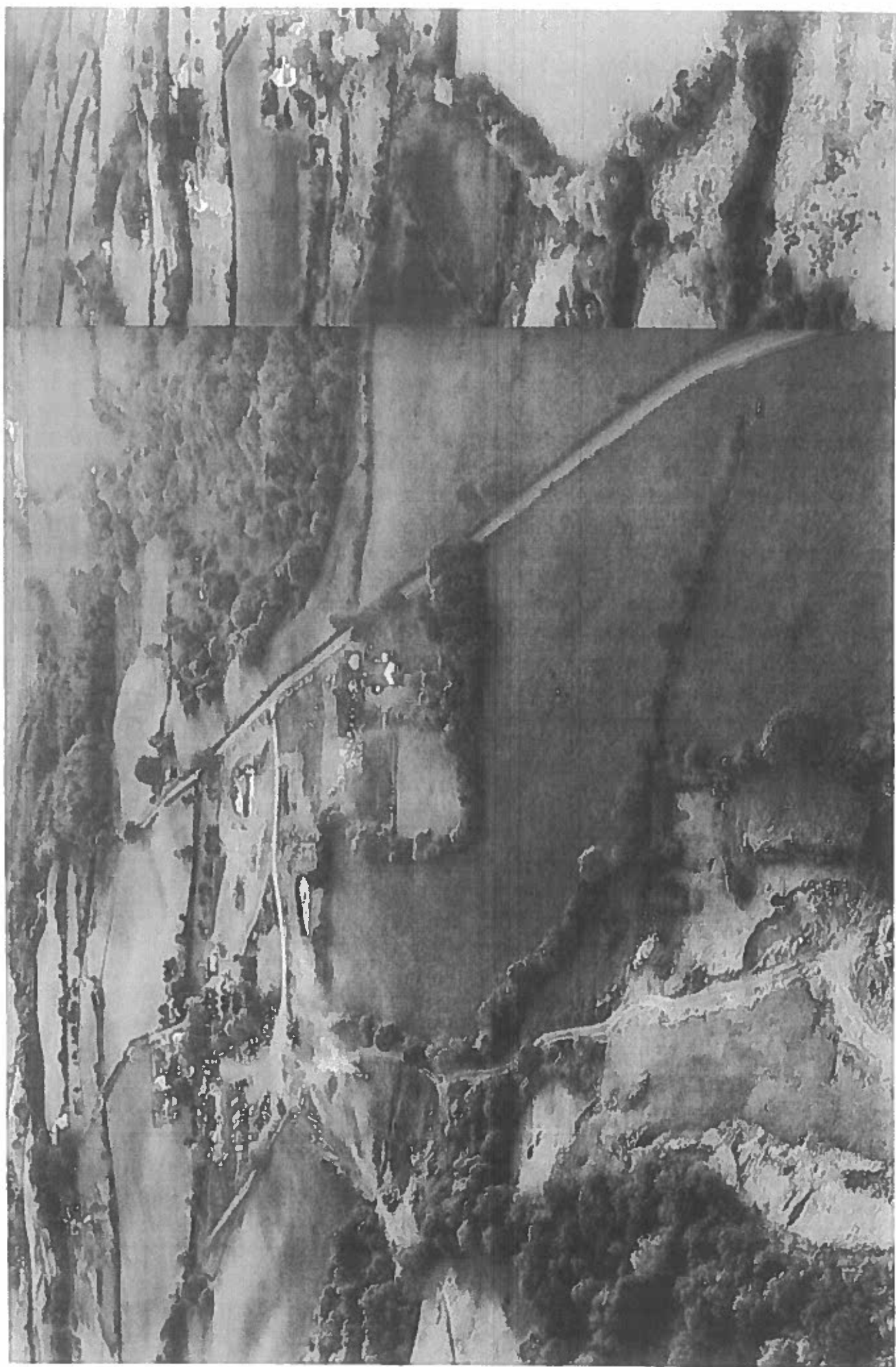
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[REDACTED]

No probs

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for getting in touch with me.
Yes, will give you a ring on Friday if that's okay.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2025 12:36
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 06 November 2025 12:13

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for the update.

Can you please amend the email address for correspondence to this new one, created for [REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Chair

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Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2025 at 12:10

Subject: Fwd: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

FYI

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2025 at 11:43

Subject: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

By way of an update this matter was allocated to me on the 30/09/25.

I have conducted a joint site inspection with DAERA Wildlife officer on 8/10/25.

I am currently liaising with Local Planning Officer to establish, confirm full facts on this matter and if falls within our remit.

Wildlife officer would be looking at the matter under the Wildlife Order and update you on that accordingly.

[Redacted] | NIEA Environmental Crime Unit

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: 24 November 2025 11:15
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[REDACTED]

I sent a warning letter to the land owner [REDACTED] regarding deposition of controlled waste. [REDACTED] replied that he categorically refutes that he has disposed of any waste materials on his land. He claims that all waste arising from work to the building has been disposed of using licensed contractors. He provided copies of waste transfer licence and weighbridge ticket for material removed from the building.

A local resident contacted me today complaining about extraction of material from [REDACTED] land so we will have to investigate this.

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[REDACTED]

From:

Sent: 27 January 2026 11:04

To: [REDACTED]

Subject:

FW: INV-0036-2026 : Request for a meeting with DCSDC Environment & Regeneration Committee to discuss the catastrophic environmental vandalism in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty

Response Issued msg; Ministers Clearance msg; Sent for Clearance msg

Attachments:

[REDACTED]

Please see attached response as regards Bonds Glen - please save onto the relevant CLUE incident for future records.

Sam - just for our records.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Head of Criminal Investigations Branch | Environmental Crime Unit | Northern Ireland Environment Agency

| NIEA Lisburn | 17 Antrim Road | BT28 3AL || [REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

From: DAERA Private Office <PrivateOffice@daera-ni.gov.uk>

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[REDACTED]

Raised By: [REDACTED]

Subject: INV-0036-2026 : Request for a meeting with DCSDC Environment & Regeneration Committee to discuss the catastrophic environmental vandalism in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty

Date referred: 27/01/2026

For further information etc. contact:

DAERA Environmental Crime; Davey, Niall (DAERA); DAERA NIEA Coordination; Invitation cases cc list DAERA

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
20 January 2026 14:05

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FW: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Hi,

Reference an update on this matter.

After site inspection, liaising with other NIEA departments and contact with the landowner the matter is being closed with no further action from ECU.

The controlled waste generated from the building works has been legally removed with the appropriate transfer notes being provided to our department.

The movement of soil and stone in this matter is not a waste issue, and the matter has been referred through to local planning office.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED] | NIEA Environmental Crime Unit

From:

Sent: 06 November 2025 12:16

To:

Subject: RE: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Email updated

Many thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2025 12:13
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for the update.

Can you please amend the email address for correspondence to this new one, created for Bonds Glen Environmental Group.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Chair

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2025 at 12:10
Subject: Fwd: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry
To: [REDACTED]

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, 6 Nov 2025 at 11:43
Subject: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry
To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

By way of an update this matter was allocated to me on the 30/09/25.

I have conducted a joint site inspection with DAERA Wildlife officer on 8/10/25.

I am currently liaising with Local Planning Officer to establish, confirm full facts on this matter and if falls within our remit.

Wildlife officer would be looking at the matter under the Wildlife Order and update you on that accordingly.

[REDACTED] NIEA Environmental Crime Unit

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INVESTIGATOR NOTES

ENTERED BY	TYPE	DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE	DETAILS
[REDACTED]	Closure	06/02/2026 10:30	Incident to be closed. Remediation outcome added with figures.
[REDACTED]	Closure	05/02/2026 10:48	Matter resent for closure as subtypes have now been added to system. 6 Loads of Broken concrete/brick commercial waste of over 5 tonnes WTNs note provided. No other waste issues onsite, matter referring to local planning dealing with this.
[REDACTED]	Closure	27/01/2026 11:14	Complainant updated by email NFA. Also uploaded correspondence in relation to request to meet Minister and reply.
[REDACTED]	Documentation Received	09/01/2026 12:27	WTNs received and added.
[REDACTED]	Contact: Suspect	15/12/2025 14:09	My contact details sent to landowner [REDACTED] to provide WTNs which have already been provided to local planners.
[REDACTED]	Correspondence Received	28/11/2025 12:44	Land reg results received attached in email
[REDACTED]	Investigative Strategy	25/11/2025 15:19	Land Reg request sent
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	25/11/2025 14:19	Response from Planning- [REDACTED] I sent a warning letter to the [REDACTED], regarding deposition of controlled waste. [REDACTED] replied that he categorically refutes that he has disposed of any waste materials on his land. He claims that all waste arising from work to the building has been disposed of using licensed contractors. He provided copies of waste transfer licence and weighbridge ticket for material removed from the building. A local resident contacted me today complaining about extraction of material from [REDACTED] land so we will have to investigate this. Regards [REDACTED] Planning Enforcement
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	24/11/2025 11:15	Follow up email to planning to confirm there been any developments, progress etc
[REDACTED]	Contact: Complainant	06/11/2025 11:45	Complainant updated that matter allocated on 30/09/25, site visit on 8/10/25 with Wildlife Officer, and at present currently liaising Local Planning Office.
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	05/11/2025 12:19	Follow up with Local Planning at this stage not a matter for NIEA unless further information or evidence that can be provided.
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	10/10/2025 12:28	Further to previous local planning officer informed me that he would be out onsite next week to progress the matter from their end.
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	10/10/2025 12:27	Discuss matter with Local planning Officer [REDACTED] and detailed observations.
[REDACTED]	Site Visit	10/10/2025 12:25	Site photos added
[REDACTED]	Site Visit	10/10/2025 11:35	Site inspection with [REDACTED] NIEA Wildlife. On arrival spoke with a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] informed us that [REDACTED] Related to the old bar which was being converted into 6 apts (earmarked for local nurses) whilst the rest of the land is being landscaped and levelled possibly for farming at a later date. We inspected the old bar first and it is a building site which is virtually cleared inside work being inside. Beside this were skips, C&D waste, and timber. It was all fairly well organised and waste being separated. Some rubble being used for landscaping which appeared to be site derived material. No evidence any waste being brought onsite. We then progressed to the lands surrounding the old bar and there was evidence of excavations but no evidence of any infilling of controlled waste. A larger area was further south of these lands with larger scale excavations, and levelling of lands. There was also a removal of trees in the area.
[REDACTED]	Investigative Strategy	06/10/2025 11:16	Joint site inspection organised for Wednesday 8/10/25 with Wildlife
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	03/10/2025 12:01	Planning enforcement officer [REDACTED] replied confirmed enforcement case open by local planning, confirmed he visited site/building 30/09/25, although did not visit area "dumping" as claimed it was covered in earth.
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	01/10/2025 12:36	Email sent to Local Planning enforcement, to liaise. Also received email from NED reference AONB query- detailed "This would not be an issue for members of the AONB team to be involved with except occasionally through the Planning Application Process".
[REDACTED]	Contact: Other interested parties	01/10/2025 11:52	Email sent to [REDACTED] senior wildlife inspector and elmswildlife to liaise and share knowledge actions.
[REDACTED]	Other Review	01/10/2025 11:46	Looking through emails sent through by complainant. This is a complaint regarding habitats, excavations and dumpings. Latest email states local planning are aware and there is an enforcement order. Relates to ongoing works at 93 Bonds Glen Road, (LA1 1/2025/0591/F). Allege material dumped rear of this premise and at 77 Bonds Glen Road.

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20 records

ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Progress Log

INCIDENT REFERENCE:

CLUE 144

ENF REFERENCE:

OPERATION NAME:

Incident Ref	CLUE 144	ENF Case Ref	
Date of Incident	24/09/2025	Op Name	
Address	77 BONDS GLEN ROAD KILLALOO DERRY BT47 3ST		
Investigating Officer	[REDACTED]		
Supervisory Officer	[REDACTED]		
Date ENF allocated to officer	Click or tap to enter a date.		

Incident Details 24/09/25-**Email** On Wed, 24 Sep 2025 at 16:10, [REDACTED]

RE: Urgent report of unlawful excavations, habitat destruction and protected species disturbance.

I wish to report, on behalf of [REDACTED], what appears to be ongoing unlawful excavations and associated environmental damage at lands at 77 Bonds Glen Road, Killaloo, Co Londonderry which has been ongoing for a prolonged period from approximately 2023 to present (there is currently illegal landfilling of waste construction material)!

The activities observed include:

- Large-scale excavations and boreholing carried out with heavy machinery such as excavators and tipper lorries.
- Removal of soil, stone and gravel from site.
- Clearance of trees and hedgerows resulting in significant habitat loss.
- Dumping of excavated material at an apparently illegal site, not licensed for such activity.

These activities appear to be displacing local wildlife and destroying protected habitats including those of badgers and pine martens. Notably:

- Carcasses of badgers have been found along the Bonds Glen Road (never before seen)
- Badgers and pine martens have been observed digging in residents' gardens indicating displacement from their natural setts and territories.
- Other species such as buzzards, herons, owls and rabbits are also impacted due to habitat loss and disturbances.

I have photographic evidence documenting some of these activities and their impacts which I am willing to share upon request.

Given the seriousness of this situation and the legal protections afforded to badgers, pine martens and other wildlife under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended) I respectfully request that:

- This report is investigated, as a matter of urgency, as a potential wildlife crime.
- Any illegal excavation, habitat destruction or unlicensed waste dumping is investigated and, if appropriate, enforcement action is taken.
- Wildlife protection officers or relevant specialists are deployed to assess the site and mitigate further damage.

As a group we are willing to provide additional evidence through secure or confidential means if required.

NB: The Bonds Glen Road was designated within the Sperrins AONB in 2022! This difference between the photos of the relevant site (attached) is 3 years!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Waste type is soil and stones but this isn't available from the dropdown menu. Quantity is "large scale"
Reported – 24/09/25- allocated 30/09/25



Update- 29/09/25-

Sent: 29 September 2025 17:18

Subject: Re: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

CAUTION – This email has been received from outside the NICS network. If you have any concerns, please report for investigation.

Good evening

The disposal site is on premises at 77 Bonds Glen Road (Planners have confirmed this premises is the subject of an Enforcement Order). Material being deposited here is from ongoing works at 93 Bonds Glen Road. A planning application was submitted on 21st August (LA11/2025/0591/F refers). Works have commenced already and significant construction waste is dumped at the rear of the premise AND at 77 Bonds Glen Road in contravention of supporting documents specifically the DAS.

(The aerial photos are NOT for publication)!

In my initial email I indicated that excavations have been ongoing since 2023. This was an error, the works have been ongoing since October 2021 but have escalated since 2023. The initial material was removed and delivered to [REDACTED]. It was taken away in tipper lorries belonging to [REDACTED].

I have attached 2 photos on material deposited on the hillside. The material, photographed last week, shows building rubble and the other photo, taken today, shows the material covered over with soil in an attempt to cover the unauthorised disposal site.

In addition, for the info of the Wildlife folk, another badger has been killed on the road on Saturday past prompting me to write to Mr Andrew Muir, as the Minister responsible for DAREA. I have emphasised that despite there being an Enforcement Order in force, there appears to be no positive action to prevent clear and obvious environmental crime.

If you have anymore queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

NB: I understand that DAERA have told the press that there is no complaint in relation to Wildlife and Environmental Crime. For purpose of clarity I have [REDACTED] into this email some of which I note was for internal information only given Inwas supposed to have received a 'holding response'!

On Mon, 29 Sep 2025 at 11:07, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Good morning

Many thanks for taking the time to report this incident.

Would either of you have a destination for the alleged unauthorised disposal site?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]





01/10/25

Review-

Looking through emails sent through by complainant. This is a complaint regarding habitats, excavations and dumpings. Latest email states local planning are aware and there is an enforcement order. Relates to ongoing works at 93 Bonds Glen Road, (LA11/2025/0591/F). Allege material dumped rear of this premise and at 77 Bonds Glen Road.

01/10/25

Email sent to [REDACTED] senior wildlife inspector cc [REDACTED] and others- to liaise

01/10/25

Email sent to local planning to discuss "planning enforcement" mentioned by complainant.

01/10/25

Email received from [REDACTED] Natural Environment Division. "This would not be an issue for members of the AONB team to be involved with except occasionally through the Planning Application Process".

01/10/25 RESEARCH

LA11/2025/0591/F

Material change of use of existing bar/restaurant to 6 self-contained flats and associated alterations.







3/10/25

Planning enforcement officer [REDACTED] replied confirmed enforcement case open by local planning, confirmed he visited site/building 30/09/25, although did not visit area "dumping" as claimed it was covered in earth.

8/10/25

Joint Site inspection-

Site inspection with [REDACTED] NIEA Wildlife. On arrival spoke with a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he informed us that he [REDACTED]. Related to the old bar which was being converted into 6 apts (earmarked for local nurses) whilst the rest of the land is being landscaped and levelled possibly for farming at a later date. We inspected the old bar first and it is a building site which is virtually cleared inside work being inside. Beside this were skips, C&D waste, and timber. It was all fairly well organised and waste being separated. Some rubble being used for landscaping which appeared to be site derived material. No evidence any waste being brought onsite. We then progressed to the lands surrounding the old bar and there was evidence of excavations but no evidence of any infilling of controlled waste. A larger area was further south of these lands with larger scale excavations, and levelling of lands. There was also a removal of trees in the area.

Site photos -8/10/25



10/10/25

Local planning advised they would be out on-site next week to progress the matter from their end.

5/11/25

Follow up with Local planning that appears nothing for NIEA to progress unless something further from Planning. [REDACTED]

“Hi [REDACTED], I was following this matter up after NIEA site inspection I don’t believe there is anything further for our department to progress.

My reading of this is that there is planning in place and there was no evidence of any Controlled Waste being brought onto the site.

The old bar is being renovated with waste being collected and separated with skips onsite whilst there of signs of some inert site derived material being used for landscaping within the area under development.

On our site inspection it appeared that the old bar was nearing completion of being cleared.

It was noted that there were large clearings, landscaping and ongoing work which was essentially all contained within the permitted works?

Is the above an accurate picture or has there been any issues or matters arisen from Planning viewpoint that contradict above”?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

6/11/25

Update to complainant –

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for the update.

Can you please amend the email address for correspondence to this new one, created for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25/11/25

Planning update- they had sent a warning letter to landowner [REDACTED] reference deposition of controlled waste. [REDACTED] refuted this and then forwarded to them WTNs.

Land reg request sent and received.

28/11/25 Land Reg results- REDACTED-

15/12/25

Follow up contact with landowner [REDACTED] requesting copies of WTNs.

20/12/25

Email with WTNs contained. –REDACTED

9/01/26

WTNs received and added. To clue

Decision Log 20/01/26

Matter relates firstly to the construction works involved in the refurbishment of an old pub into apartments. Site visit observed material from ongoing works being collected in skips onsite. Landowner has since provided WTNs for these works. 2nd issue relates to large scale excavation works/landscaping and levelling of adjoining fields. Site inspection did not observed any waste being brought onsite or waste being buried. Some site derived material being moved about essentially soil and stone, essentially inert material. No waste issues. Site inspection with NIEA wildlife officer whilst matter has been reported to local planning officer with updates provided. Matter to be closed as it doesn't fall under remit of waste offending. If there is issues essentially local planning.

20/01/26

Complainant updated-

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 January 2026 14:05

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry

Hi,

Reference an update on this matter.

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Yours Faithfully

27/01/26

Uploaded correspondence in relation to request to meet Minister and reply.

ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF NATURAL OUTSTANDING BEAUTY (AONB)

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 January 2026 requesting I meet to discuss environmental vandalism in a designated area of natural beauty.

I can confirm that my department received correspondence on behalf of the [REDACTED] on 24 September 2025.

There are no regulatory/enforcement powers associated with Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Any protections are in the form of planning policy, which in this case is a District Council issue.

My Department does however have regulatory responsibility for investigating alleged activities that happen to take place within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A Wildlife Officer from the Natural Environment Division (NED) as well as an Investigating Officer from the Environmental Crime Unit (ECU) completed an inspection of the site in question on 10 October 2025. A Water Quality Inspector (WQI) from the Water Catchment Unit (WCU) also visited the site on 23 October 2025 and checked the local waterways for pollution.

Upon inspecting the site, no breaches of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 or the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 were identified.

I can also confirm that, following the inspections described above and considering the close proximity and connection to the adjacent River Faughan and Tributaries ASSI, my

officials notified the Loughs Agency to ensure they were informed of the situation and to support the protection of migratory salmon.

My officials also contacted your District Council Planning Enforcement Unit who confirmed that they have been investigating unauthorised development at this location since 13 January 2025 and that they are considering enforcement action.

As there were no other concerns identified during the visits noted above, I don't believe a meeting is necessary.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW MUIR MLA

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs





Advice/Transfer Note/Waste Description

Brickkiln Skip Hire Ltd
Brickkiln Transfer Station
23 Heather Road
Creevagh
Derry
N. Ireland
BT48 9XD
Site Licence : LN/16/08
Phone : 028 713 70780
Web : www.brickkiln.co
SIC Code: 38.11 / 38.21

VAT Reg No. : XI220330474000
Ticket No: 126959
In / Out: In
Ticket Date: 11/11/2025 10:59
Vehicle Reg: NRZ3789
Vehicle Type: Rollon/Rolloff
Hauler Name: Brickkiln Skip Hire Ltd
Carrier Reg: ROC UT 6132
Container: 18 YD Rollon/Rolloff
Account Addr: CREDITCA
Credit Card Account
BONDS GLEN ROAD (77)
RENDERING SUPPLIES
TURN OFF AT CLAUDY OLD BAR
BT47 3ST

SIC (2007):
Contact Name: 
Contact Tel: 
Order No:
Transfer No:
Skip Ticket: 126900
EWC Code: 20 03 01
Area: Claudy
Notes:

Products :	Unit	Qty
Commercial Waste	KG	5.34

	Weight	Seq. No.	Date	Time
Gross	20830		11/11/2025	10:59
Tare	15490		11/11/2025	15:47
Net	5340			

Cash Details:

Nett Value	£0.00
VAT	£0.00
Total	£0.00

I Confirm that I have fulfilled my duty to apply the waste hierarchy as required by regulation 17 of the Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Driver Name

[REDACTED]

Weighbridge Operator

[REDACTED]

Public Interest Test – EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/26-382

Requested Information

I write under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and request disclosure of environmental information held by DAERA/NIEA relating to reports made concerning lands at and around Bonds Glen Road, Co. Londonderry, and the subsequent involvement of the Environmental Crime Unit.

For the period 24 September 2025 to 31 January 2026, please provide copies of the following:

SITE INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION RECORDS

All records relating to inspections, assessments and investigations undertaken by Environmental Crime Unit personnel, including but not limited to:

- Site inspection reports
- Site assessment forms
- Officer notebook entries
- Site visit notes
- Site visit logs
- Site sketches
- GPS records
- Measurements
- Internal file notes
- CLUE records, including any records relating to CLUE Event 66

PHOTOGRAPHIC, VIDEO AND MAPPING EVIDENCE

Copies of all photographs, videos, drone imagery, maps, aerial imagery and other visual material created, obtained, reviewed or relied upon by Environmental Crime Unit personnel.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

All communications relating to this matter between:

- Environmental Crime Unit
- NIEA Wildlife Team
- Water Quality personnel

- DAERA officials
- Derry City and Strabane District Council

including:

- Emails
- Internal referrals
- Memoranda
- File notes
- Meeting notes
- Teams messages or equivalent internal communications

DECISION-MAKING RECORDS

All records explaining, supporting or recording the basis upon which the Environmental Crime Unit concluded that no further action was required.

This includes:

- Recommendations
- Assessments
- Decision logs
- Internal reports
- Draft conclusions
- Final conclusions
- Briefing papers

INFORMATION CONSIDERED

Copies of all complaints, photographs, maps, reports, planning references and supporting information supplied to or considered by Environmental Crime Unit personnel before conclusions were reached.

POST-ENFORCEMENT NOTICE REVIEW

Following the issue of Enforcement Notices by Derry City and Strabane District Council, please provide copies of any records showing whether DAERA/NIEA reviewed, reconsidered, reassessed or otherwise examined its earlier conclusions.

This should include:

- Internal reviews
- Correspondence

- Assessments
- File notes
- Communications with Planning authorities

If any information is withheld, please identify the relevant exception relied upon and provide details of the public interest considerations applied.

This request is made pursuant to the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Should any part of the request be considered excessively broad please contact me so that reasonable assistance may be provided in refining the request in accordance with Regulation 9.

Exemption / Exception under consideration

Regulation 13 (1)

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- There is a public interest in openness and accountability, particularly in relation to environmental decision-making.
- Disclosure supports understanding of how the Department conducts its business.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- The withheld information is personal data, including names and contact details.
- It relates to staff and individuals external to the Department who are not in senior public-facing roles.
- These individuals would not reasonably expect their personal data to be disclosed in this context.
- Disclosure would be unfair and could lead to unwarranted intrusion into their privacy.
- There is a risk of unsolicited contact or distress arising from disclosure.
- Disclosure would be contrary to UK GDPR principles, particularly lawfulness, fairness and transparency.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test the Department has decided that the public interest in protecting personal data and individuals rights outweighs that in disclosure. The information has therefore been withheld under Regulation 13(1).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Environmental Crime Unit