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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road Co Londonderry
Date: 01 October 2025 11:49:35
Attachments: [image01.jpg](#)

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Sent: 25 September 2025 09:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: URGENT: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road Co Londonderry

Importance: High
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Date: 01 October 2025 12:25:21
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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 Gortnaskey Lane with Bonds Glen Road.
You could remove me from the Cc list at this stage thanks
Regards
[REDACTED]

Natural Environment Division NIEA DAERA

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Wildlife Crime and Environmental Damage Report - Bonds Glen Road, Co Londonderry
Date: 26 September 2025 11:44:23
Attachments: [96a0ba8c-7f4c-40b3-b4b5-a7b4e788a538.jpeg](#)
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Thank you for your emails.
Your query has been forwarded to the NIEA Wildlife team and DAERA Environmental Crime Unit for joint consideration.
Regards
Biodiversity & Wildlife Team
Clare House | 303 Airport Road West | Belfast | BT3 9ED
02890569558

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been subject to landscape
scale alterations & the
work had been started
before he sold it
land. The USFS certifies
that the land is improved
by the construction of
the road. It is possible that
the evidence under dispute
is evidence of the
but damage is obvious
to evidence could be
lost.

60

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Bonds (den Red Str. map)

1547
1351

ECU. Visit to 77
Bonds (den Red map)
dumplings + development
questioning + wildlife
impacts. Construction
activity around old pub.
Side to [redacted] at the

used to own it and [redacted]
land but sold it off to
a [redacted] owned by
[redacted]. All [redacted]
appear to be associated
with ongoing work to
the pub. The fields to
the rear which have

LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

DAERA/26-380 - Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

Request Details:

Environmental information held by DAERA/NIEA relating to the involvement of the Wildlife Team in respect of reports made concerning lands at and around Bonds Glen Road, Co. Londonderry.

Brief description of the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request

The names and email addresses of NICS officers and members of the public reporting a potential wildlife crime.

LAWFULNESS

Please identify the lawful basis for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an FOI / EIR request.

The lawful basis for processing is set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

- ☐ **Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- ☐ **Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

1. PURPOSE

As the disclosure of personal data under FOIA or EIR is a disclosure to the world at large, doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. NECESSITY

The right of access under FOI or EIR does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**.

The Department has considered and not identified any such need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all of the information contained within this test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request.

Conor Symington
Head of Wildlife & Invasives Branch