ANNEX B

Public Interest Test – EIR

Reference Number – DAERA/26-402

Requested Information

Please could you provide me with the destination sites included on the summary logs of these companies, including amounts sent to each destination site, again sorted by month.

Exemption / Exception under consideration
Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - Regulation 12(4)(d) - Material in the course of completion, unfinished documents, and incomplete data.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure
• Regulation 12(2) requires DAERA to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure.
• DAERA is committed to conducting its business in a manner that is as open and transparent as possible.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding
The monthly 2026 data on the summary logs of the companies concerned is currently unvalidated, incomplete or missing, due to various technical issues with the submission of the summary logs. This information is still actively being collected as a result. Releasing the data as it stands would give an inaccurate picture which may mislead the wider the public and would be harmful to the wider public interest.

Conclusion
In considering the Public Interest Test in relation to the use of this exception we recognise that Regulation 12(2) requires DAERA to apply a presumption in favour of disclosure and to be as open and transparent as possible. However, withholding the information under Regulation 12(4)(d) prevents the release of inaccurate data which would be harmful to the wider public interest therefore the public interest in favour of disclosure is outweighed by that in favour of withholding.

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