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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 17 June 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

May we have sight of the following sections associated with the applications please? (bTB Regional Approach Project Wildlife Intervention Licences)

Project Title

Scientific Background

Programme of Work

Protocols

Non-Technical Summary

We advised you on 17 June 2026 that this request was being dealt with Freedom of Information legislation, however, on consideration of the information requested this request has been processed under Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Department has completed their search and can confirm it holds the information requested. However, the Department has considered the data requested and has decided to invoke a number of Environmental Information Regulations exceptions:

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- EIR Regulation 12 (4) (e) – Internal communications
- EIR Regulation 12 (5) (a) – Public safety
- EIR Regulation 12 (5) (d) – Confidentiality of proceedings.

All are qualified exceptions, and the Department must consider the Public Interest in maintaining the exceptions. These considerations are attached at **Annex A**.

The information that you have requested that is not excluded under the above regulation exceptions has been provided at Documents 2 and 3.

The Department of Health also publish the Non-technical Summary of projects that were granted under the ASPA, when / if DAERA get this licence, the information requested will be published.

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 way 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,



Veterinary Service Animal Health Group