

**ENVIRONMENT MARINE AND
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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 15th July 2026 that sought the following information:

Details of all DAERA and associated bodies' or agencies' communications and correspondence (both electronic and physical, internal and external) in relation to the Ulster Farmers' Union and Lough Neagh since 2019. This would include, but is not restricted to:

- 1) Letters, email, electronic messenger and any other communications discussing this.
- 2) Minutes and any other records from meetings and engagements (virtual, hybrid and in-person).
- 3) The time(s), date(s), venue(s) and a full list of attendees of any such meetings and engagements (virtual, hybrid and in-person).
- 4) Any presentation materials circulated or used at any such meetings and engagements.

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5) Any briefing notes or documents shared or used at any such meetings and engagements.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested.

The information held which can be disclosed is attached and has been redacted as necessary.

In considering the information, the following exceptions have been engaged:

Regulation 12(3) and 13(1) – Personal Data

Regulation 12(5)(e) – Commercial Confidentiality

An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex A**.

Some of the information contained in the documents identified constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. I have engaged Regulation 12(3) and 13(1) of EIR 2004 – Personal Data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

The Department has considered this element within the test attached at **Annex B** and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists. Please bear in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just to you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

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 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.

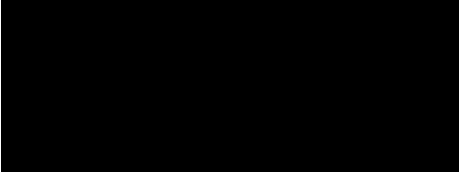
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If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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