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Request for a copy of the correspondence from a local resident in Dundonald to Minister Muir regarding Blakiston Houston Estate Company and their research contract with DAERA.



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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 5 August 2026 that sought the following information:

A copy of the correspondence from a local resident in Dundonald to Minister Muir regarding Blakiston Houston Estate Company and its research contract with DAERA.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested. The information held is attached in PDF format to this response.

Some information has been withheld under Regulations 12(3) and 13(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The withheld information constitutes personal data relating to identifiable individuals.

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

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and transparent. The Department has considered this element within the test attached at **Annex A** 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.

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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