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Dear ██████████

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

Thank you for your request for information received on 08 July 2026 which sought:

- The total number of odour complaints received in relation to Cottonmount Landfill during the last 12 months.
- Where available, a monthly breakdown of those complaints.
- Confirmation of how many complaints were substantiated following investigation.
- Details of any enforcement action, permit compliance assessments, warning letters, improvement requirements or other regulatory interventions undertaken during that period in response to odour complaints.
- Confirmation of whether any review of the site's environmental permit or Odour Management Plan has been undertaken as a consequence of recurring complaints.

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

Please see answers to your requests below in **bold**.

Please find the following responses:

The total number of odour complaints received in relation to Cottonmount Landfill during the last 12 months

During the 12-month period 08/07/25 to 08/07/26, NIEA received 90 complaints

Where available, a monthly breakdown of those complaints.

Monthly breakdown of complaints received in last 12 months 08/07/25 to 08/07/26

Month/year	Complaints received
July 25	3
August 25	2
September 25	1
October 25	0
November 25	3
December 25	0
January 26	5
February 26	5
March 26	21
April 26	8
May 26	4
June 26	19
July 26	19

Confirmation of how many complaints were substantiated following investigation.

NIEA odour assessments in response to odour complaints substantiated Cottonmount Landfill as a source of odour on four occasions. All complaints are also relayed to the operator of Cottonmount Landfill for investigation.

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Permit compliance assessments were undertaken on the following dates: 22/08/25, 08/10/25, 20/01/26, 19/03/26, 18/06/26.

Odour surveys were undertaken on the following dates: 17/11/25, 20/01/2026, 19/03/26, 27/04/26, 12/05/26, 09/06/26, 01/04/26, 21/01/26, 18/06/26.

Confirmation of whether any review of the site's environmental permit or Odour Management Plan has been undertaken as a consequence of recurring complaints.

An updated odour management plan was submitted to the NIEA on 10/04/24 during a period of odour related complaints.

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,

Waste Permitting

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