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Request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 — PPC Permit P0341/10A, Glenside Climate Solutions Park

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4th September 2026

Dear [redacted],

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 07 August 2026 that sought the following information:

Please see information request below in Appendix A

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested. In answer to your four sub-requests:

For sub-request one, the decision document for the original permit P0341/10A has been published to the public register. Regulation 6(1)(a) form and format has been engaged. Consultation with council planning did not occur for variations V1, V2, V3, and V4, as it is not required for standard variations as part of the Departments'

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procedure for variation applications. For the current permit variation application, this remains ongoing, thus Regulation 12(4)(d) has been engaged.

For sub-request two, no information is held, thus Regulation 12(4)(a) has been engaged. For the current permit variation application, the Department has consulted with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Planning Department, this remains ongoing, thus Regulation 12(4)(d) has been engaged.

For sub-request three, no information is held, thus Regulation 12(4)(a) has been engaged.

For sub-request four, the decision document for original permit P0341/10A has been published to the public register.

The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(4)(d) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at Appendix B.

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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APPENDIX A

To: NIEA PPC Regulatory Team
Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs By email: daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk, wru.queries@daera-ni.gov.uk
Dear Sir/Madam,
Re: Request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 — PPC Permit P0341/10A, Glenside Climate Solutions Park
I am writing to request environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("the EIR"). This request relates specifically to communications between NIEA and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Planning Department concerning PPC Permit P0341/10A (Glenside Climate Solutions Park), operated by NWP.
Please provide the following:
1. All correspondence — including letters, emails, meeting notes or minutes, and telephone attendance notes — between NIEA's PPC regulatory team and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Planning Department concerning Permit P0341/10A, including all of its variations up to and including the current February 2026 variation application, for the period 1 January 2022 to the date of this request.
2. Confirmation of whether Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Planning Department was consulted by NIEA on: (a) the P0341/10A/V4 variation dated 18 October 2023; and (b) the current February 2026 variation application — and, if so, copies of the consultation request(s) sent and any response(s) received.
3. Any record showing assessment, verification, or confirmation by, or correspondence with, Planning regarding the drawing referenced on the current P0341/10A permit as "representative of the area approved in the planning process" — as stated in NIEA correspondence — including any comparison against the approved planning drawings for reference S/2005/0834/F.
4. Any correspondence, internal note, or record showing that NIEA considered or applied Regulation 10(4)(b) of the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 in relation to Permit P0341/10A or any of its variations.
I understand that under the EIR you are required to respond within 20 working days of receipt of this request. If any part of this request is refused, please confirm the specific exception relied upon and provide details of your internal review procedure and my right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.
If it would assist in narrowing or clarifying this request, please contact me using the details below.
Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX B

Public Interest Test – EIR
Reference Number – DAERA/26-574

Requested Information
Please refer to Appendix A

Exceptions under consideration
Regulation 12(4)(d) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that— the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data.

Reasons why the public interest would favour 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 requested information forms part of an incomplete decision-making process which disclosure to the public domain could adversely affect the decision-making and/or outcome on the determination of the variation application. The requested information will form part of the final decision document.

Conclusion
Following consideration of the public interest test, the Department has decided to withhold the information where Regulation 12(4)(d) has been engaged as this forms part of an ongoing decision-making process. The reason for withholding the requested information outweighs the reason for its disclosure.

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