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15th September 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 17 August 2026 which 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 which is attached as Appendix A below written in red text.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

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Some of the information sought is already publicly available thus Regulation 6(1)(b) has been engaged.

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,

Waste Permitting Team

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APPENDIX A

1. I would seek clarification from NIEA, at which date did NIEA officers receive authorisation to make substantive planning decisions?

The Department consult with the respective planning authorities for substantial permit applications, either new applications or variations.

Pursuant to the Environmental Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, I request that NIEA provide the following environmental information within the statutory period of 20 working days:

2. a schedule setting out the tonnage authorised under the original Permit and under each subsequent variation, including the date of each variation;

You can find all decision documents and permits relating to NWP, Glenside P0341/10A on the public register [Pollution Prevention and Control permitted processes](#) | [Public registers](#) | [DAERA](#)

3. all records recording the classification of each such variation as a minor or substantial change, and the reasons given for that classification at the time it was made;

No information held.

4. all records evidencing the basis for, and the source of, NIEA's position that "there is no planning condition that limits tonnage"; and

No information held.

5. all records of any consultation, or any decision not to consult, with LCCC's Planning Department in relation to each variation.

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Further requests to NIEA

In addition to, and independently of, the information request above, I ask that NIEA:

6. provide a substantive, reasoned explanation of why the increase in permitted throughput from 80,000 to 175,000 tonnes per annum was, in NIEA's view, properly justified without consultation with LCCC, and properly classified as a series of minor rather than substantial variations, by reference to regulation 2(1) of the 2013 Regulations;

Each variation was assessed as standard, when processing a standard variation consultation is not required.

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7. confirm that, in reaching and maintaining that classification, NIEA has had regard to the cumulative effect of the variations taken together, and not merely to each variation in isolation;

No information held.

8. suspend further consideration of the current substantial variation application until the matters raised in this letter have been substantively addressed, in consultation with LCCC; and

The current variation application is processed in accordance with due process which is separate from this letter.

9. confirm that, if NIEA nonetheless proceeds to determine the current application before doing so, its decision will set out express reasons why that course is considered lawful, having regard to the principles in Padfield and Wednesbury referred to above.

Variation determinations are completed in accordance with due process.

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