

Reference Number: DAERA/26-646

Request Details:

**Information regarding Lisbane
Landfill Gas Infrastructure / “Previous
Correspondence” on 5/6/2026**



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**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

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22nd September 2026

Dear ██████████

The Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) 2004

With regard to your *request for information received by the Department on the 24th August 2026* which sought the following information:

EIR Information Requested:

Dear Northern Ireland Environment Agency,

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, please provide copies of the “previous correspondence” referred to in NIEA’s email dated 5 June 2025 concerning Lisbane Landfill, PPC Permit P0145/06A.

That email stated:

“As you are aware from previous correspondence raising concerns regarding the condition of the gas extraction infrastructure at Lisbane landfill, we also have concerns.”

For the avoidance of doubt, this request is limited to the correspondence specifically referred to in that sentence.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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Please provide:

- * the previous correspondence in which concerns were raised regarding the condition of the gas extraction infrastructure at Lisbane Landfill;
- * any attachments supplied with that correspondence; and
- * any directly related reply or response forming part of the same correspondence chain.

I am not seeking a general search of all records concerning landfill-gas infrastructure at Lisbane.

If more than one item of “previous correspondence” was being referred to in the 5 June 2025 email, please provide each such item.

I am content for personal data or other information properly exempt from disclosure to be redacted where necessary.

Yours faithfully,

On this occasion the Department will apply the EIR Regulation 12(4)(c), for requests formulated in too general a matter. Please see attached Public Interest Test for further information.

To enable us to process your request, you may wish to narrow its scope by:

- Specifying which email on 5th June 2025 you referred to in your request, either by attaching a screenshot, informing us which correspondence it was in response to, or any other method which would allow us to identify this email.

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

APPENDIX A

Public Interest Test – Environmental Information Regulations

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Exemption / Exceptions under consideration

Regulation 12(4)(c) – Requests formulated in too general a manner.

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Everyone has the right to access environmental information.
- Disclosure of the information would provide clarity in regard to previous correspondence.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- The department is unable to identify which email the request is in reference to, due to only being provided a date and one line of the email.
- Without knowing which email is in question, we cannot know which “previous correspondence” were referred to within it.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test, the Department has decided that it would not be in the public interest to fulfil the request made by the requestor.

Waste Permitting Team.