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Request Details:

New Request for Environmental
Information under the Environmental
Information Regulations 2004 – NWP
Glenside Facility – H4 Odour Survey
Locations



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**Agriculture, Environment
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22 September 2026

Dear [Redacted],

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 26 August 2026 which sought the information set out in Appendix A.

As explained in the information sheet enclosed with the acknowledgement letter, under certain conditions, the Department has the right to refuse to respond to a request for information.

NIEA has received a significant number of complex, extensive and often repetitive requests for information relating to the NWP, Glenside Road site. Many of these requests seek similar or substantially the same information that has previously been requested and responded to.

The Department will engage regulation 12 (4) (b) Manifestly unreasonable in this instance, a completed Public Interest Test is included in Appendix B for your information.

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Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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The volume and complexity of these requests have placed a disproportionate burden on departmental resources and are significantly impacting the ability of NIEA staff to carry out their statutory functions. In particular, the time required to identify, retrieve, review and prepare responses to requests concerning the NWP, Glenside Road site is affecting the Waste Permitting Team's capacity to fulfil its other statutory duties and regulatory responsibilities.

NIEA has already released a substantial amount of information relating to the site into the public domain. This information is available through the DAERA Publication Scheme and can be accessed at the following link: [DAERA Publication Scheme | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

In light of the significant volume of information already published and the ongoing impact that repeated requests are having on the department's resources, NIEA will not provide further responses to requests that seek information already published, previously released, or that substantially duplicate earlier requests. Requesters are therefore encouraged to consult the information available through the DAERA Publication Scheme in the first instance.

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

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26 August 2026

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I am writing to make a new request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (“the Regulations”), concerning the NWP Glenside facility.

This is a new, separate request. It follows my earlier request, reference DAERA/26-264, and the Department's response of 12 June 2026, which did not identify the specific information sought below. It is not a request for internal review of that earlier decision.

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Please provide the specific locations used by NIEA officers when carrying out H4-compliant odour surveys around the NWP Glenside facility – that is, the specific assessment points (identified by grid reference, address, or other unambiguous designation) at which NIEA officers position themselves to carry out odour assessments in accordance with the H4 Horizontal Guidance for Odour (or any successor guidance) at this site.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- I am not requesting survey results, inspection reports, or prior correspondence. I am asking only for the identities/locations of the H4 odour assessment points themselves.
- If this information is not held in a single consolidated document, please provide it in whatever recorded form it is held – for example, extracted from officer inspection notes, GPS logs, survey pro-formas, or internal guidance – in accordance with regulation 6.

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- If the Department considers any part of this information exempt from disclosure under regulation 4(3) or 4(4), please specify the exception relied upon, the reasoning applied, and the public interest test carried out.

I look forward to receiving a substantive response within the statutory 20 working day period required under regulation 5(2) of the Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix B

Public Interest Test – Environmental Information Regulations

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Exemption / Exceptions under consideration

Regulation 12(4)(b)

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Everyone has the right to access environmental information.
- 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:

- Complying with the volume of information requested would apply an unjustified level of disruption to staff already working in difficult circumstances due to already busy workloads.
- This subject of this request has already been partially addressed.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Public Interest Test, the Department has decided that it would not be in the public interest to completely fulfil the request made by the requestor. The Department considers this to be manifestly unreasonable based on the burden of dealing with the request and consequent diversion of resources in dealing with this query.

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