

LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

AE6-26-684 Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Request Details:

Requested information the Department holds in relation to FSN 4/23/071 Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 7A, 8, 9, 10 and 11 for the scheme years from 2018 to 2026 inclusive.

Brief description of the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request

The personal data is requesting to know the identity of any farm business concerned who may have submitted a scheme application for land, as referenced in the request. Some of the third-parties identified whose information falls within the scope of the request provided the Department with consent for their personal data to be disclosed. However, another third-party identified did not provide consent for their information to be disclosed and the Department has withheld this information.

LAWFULNESS

Please identify the lawful bases for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an FOI / EIR request.

The lawful bases for processing are set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

- ☐ **Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- ☐ **Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

PURPOSE

As the disclosure of personal data under EIR is to the world at large doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. NECESSITY

The right of access under FOI or EIR does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**. Decision makers should consider if there a pressing social need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all of the information contained within this test, the Department has established that there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request.



AESD Information Management Team