

**Food Farming and Rural Affairs Group
Agricultural and Environmental Schemes
Division (AESD)**



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**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

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agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Department of

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Your reference: FSN 4/023/071
Field Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7a, 8, 9, 10 & 11



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Date: 28 September 2026

Dear 

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your e-mail request for information received by the Department on 2 September 2026 in which you requested confirmation of claimant and payment information the Department may hold from 2018 to date, in relation to the following:

Farm Survey Number 4/023/071 Field Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7a, 8, 9, 10 and 11

The Department has considered your request and carried out a search of records. I can confirm that it holds some information related to your request.

In respect of the scheme years from 2018 to 2021 inclusive, the Department has considered this part of your request, and, under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, it is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

Normally, the Department cannot confirm a **Yes / No** response as to whether land has been claimed or provide information as to who has claimed land as such information is considered to be personal information belonging to a third party, of which, you may not be the data subject.

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However, on this occasion, some of the third parties identified have authorised the Department to provide you with the information you require. Therefore, I can confirm that the following fields have been claimed for the 2022 to 2026 Scheme years, as follows:

For the 2022 scheme year, I can confirm that Farm Survey Number 4/023/071 Field Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7A were claimed by the farm business registered in the name of Mr. Phelim McCorry.

For the 2022 scheme year, Farm Survey Number 4/023/071 Field Numbers 8, 9 10 and 11 were claimed by the farm business registered as Mr. Noel Maguire.

For the 2023, 2025 and 2026 scheme years, Farm Survey Number 4/023/071 Field Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7a, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were also claimed by the farm business registered in the name of Mr. Noel Maguire.

However, please note that information relating to subsidy payments made in the 2024 scheme year has been withheld as the Department considers this to be personal data of which you are not the data subject. The Department considers regulations 12(3) and 13(1) of the EIR to be engaged, which state:

12(3) "To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject, the personal data shall not be disclosed other than in accordance with Regulation 13"; and

13(1) "To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject."

Please note this is a disclosure under the Data Protection Act 2018 based on the specific and informed consent of the 3rd party and must not be disclosed further or made available to the world at large.

As some of the information held constitutes personal data, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection principle which states that processing must be "lawful, fair and transparent." A lawful, fairness and transparency test has been conducted and is attached.

The Department has considered this element and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists, bearing in mind, that any such disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the "world at large," and not to just you, the requester. Consequently, the personal data falling within the scope of this part of your request has been withheld.

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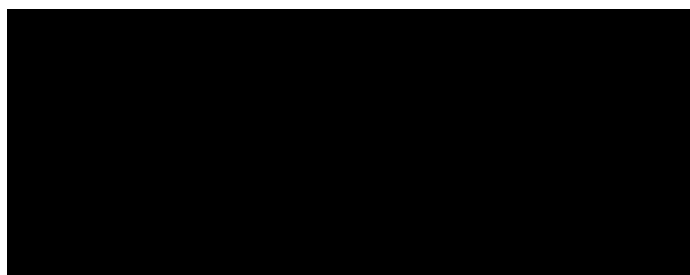


If you require any clarification or believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood, or misinterpreted, please contact the Agricultural and Environmental Schemes Division Information Management Team at the email address or telephone number above in the first instance, to see 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, 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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