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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 21 August 2026

EIR Information Requested:

Dear Northern Ireland Environment Agency,

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), please provide copies of all records held by NIEA/DAERA of communications between the Department and any of the following persons, each of whom is recorded by Companies House as a current director of Natural World Products Ltd and/or NWP Enviro Ltd at the date of this request:

- Patrick John Paul Kelly
- James Kennedy
- Denis McArdle
- Peter Samuel Summerton
- Colm Warren

concerning financial provision for the existing Lisbane Landfill, 29 Aughlish Road, Tandragee, PPC Permit P0145/06A, during the period 11 November 2022 to the date of this request.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes only records falling within the above subject matter, parties and date range, and includes:

- * emails and letters;
- * correspondence sent or received through solicitors, consultants or other representatives acting on behalf of any such director and/or either company, in connection with those communications;
- * records or notes of meetings, telephone calls or other discussions; and
- * attachments or documents supplied as part of those communications.

I am content for information to be redacted insofar as is necessary to obscure the specific details of any financial instrument or to protect personal data.

Yours faithfully,

Ms L McMordie

Response:

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 Lisbane site near Tandragee. 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 A for your information.

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 Lisbane 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 Lisbane 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.

Kind regards,
Waste Permitting Team

APPENDIX A

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.
- Disclosure of the information would provide greater detail on the regulator's decision making process in withholding information.

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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