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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 25 August 2026.

EIR Information Requested:

Dear Northern Ireland Environment Agency,

This is a request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

NIEA's Suspension Notice dated 20 June 2013 required proposals for an appropriate intermediate cover across Lisbane Landfill. The subsequent Enforcement Notice dated 27 June 2013 also identified insufficient cover on the waste mass.

Against that background, in relation to Lisbane Landfill, 29 Aughlish Road, Tandragee, PPC Permit P0145/06A, please provide records held by NIEA, sufficient to identify any temporary, intermediate or permanent landfill capping works proposed

and/or carried out over any part of the landfill at any time from 20 June 2013 to the date of this request, in particular:

- * whether the works were temporary, intermediate or permanent;
- * the area or phase of the landfill concerned;
- * when the works were proposed and, where applicable, when they were carried out or completed;
- * the nature or specification of the capping system proposed and/or installed; and
- * whether the proposal and/or completed works were accepted, approved, superseded or otherwise determined or validated by NIEA.

Please also disclose:

- * Copies of any CQA Plan, construction proposal, capping plan or equivalent technical submission held by NIEA relating to any of the proposed or completed capping works identified above, including any revised or superseded versions.
- * Copies of any CQA Validation Report, completion report or equivalent validation record held by NIEA relating to any such capping works.

Where a large volume of records is responsive to any part of this request, we do not require disclosure of every responsive record. Please provide only the minimum number of records necessary to answer the relevant point fully and accurately.

If NIEA considers that any part of this request would otherwise be too broad or burdensome to process, we would be grateful if you would contact us before refusing that part of the request and provide reasonable advice and assistance as to how it could be refined while preserving the substance of the information sought.

Yours faithfully,

Tandragee Environmental Action (TEA)

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.

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.

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 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.
- The 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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