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Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 28 August 2026, in which you requested confirmation that lands identified in your request are not being used to activate entitlements for payment for the 2026 Farm Sustainability Payment.

The Department has considered your request for information and has applied Regulation 13(5) of the Environmental Information Regulations (2004). Therefore, in line with this regulation, the Department can neither confirm nor deny it holds the information requested.

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.

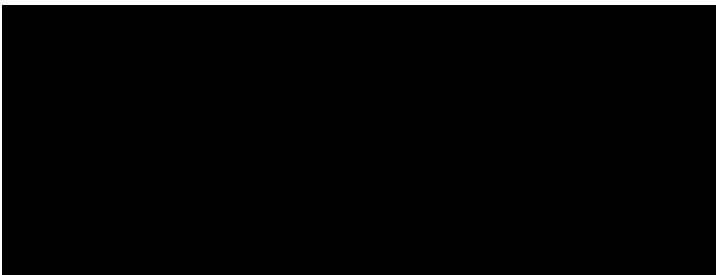
If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release / withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section, either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk 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 you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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.

Finally, in one of your previous email communications, you advised that an Eviction Order had been served by the Royal Court of Justice on 5 May 2026 regarding the lands. The Department is willing to reconsider your request, upon provision of any appropriate evidence demonstrating the legal case pursued and the provision of any court orders issued, in respect of the land referenced in your request. Some further and additional information regarding the circumstances of this matter will assist the Department in determining whether any personal information can be lawfully disclosed. Given the circumstances, the Department requires greater detail to inform its decision as to whether disclosure is "necessary," to such an extent, that it could lawfully interfere with any potential individual claimant(s) right to privacy.

Yours sincerely,



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