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Environmental information relating to the watercourse at Lisnabreeny Road.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 07 September 2026 that sought the following:

Information relating to the watercourse at Lisnabreeny Road, which was subsequently subject to culverting works associated with:

- Planning application LA05/2022/1020/F; and
- the Schedule 6 culverting consent which is the subject of my DfI information request reference DFI/2026-0385.

The Department has completed its searches and can confirm that it holds information falling within the scope of your request. The relevant records are enclosed, subject to the limited redactions explained below.

Some personal information contained within the enclosed records has been withheld under Regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, read with Regulation 13. The information withheld comprises third-party names, contact details and other identifying information. Disclosure of this information would contravene the data protection principles.

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The Department's response to each part of your request is set out below.

1	Any site inspection, survey or assessment records relating to this watercourse.	A DAERA Senior Fisheries Officer conducted a site visit on the afternoon of 10 March 2022 in connection with a request for comment on a Schedule 6 application. The officer received the requested location and design information that morning and issued a response that evening. The response constitutes the contemporaneous record of the site visit and assessment and records that a basic electrofishing survey was undertaken. See Annex A. A separate environmental memorandum records earlier inspections of the site and is provided at Annex B.
2	Any officer field notes, survey sheets, inspection reports or similar records.	No separate DAERA officer field notes, survey sheets or inspection report have been identified. The Senior Fisheries Officer's response of 10 March 2022 constitutes the contemporaneous record of the site visit and assessment. No separate survey sheet relating to the basic electrofishing survey has been identified; the result is recorded in the officer's response. See Annex A.
3	Any photographs taken during site visits or inspections, preferably in their original form where held.	No photographs taken by the DAERA Senior Fisheries Officer during the site visit have been identified. However, photographs supplied to Inland Fisheries within the environmental memorandum are held and are being released. See Annex B.
4	Any maps, plans or annotated drawings identifying the section of watercourse inspected or assessed.	No separate maps, plans or annotated drawings were generated by DAERA Inland Fisheries. However, a map and supporting information showing the location and extent of the proposed culvert and an indication of its design were supplied to Inland Fisheries. See Annex C.
5	Any recorded observations concerning: the flow, width, depth or physical condition of the watercourse;	The Senior Fisheries Officer's response records that the stream appeared to originate from a groundwater source approximately 300 metres upstream; reasonable flow was observed following wet weather, although normal flow was expected to be lower; no indication of

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	• fisheries habitat or fish presence/potential; • substrate, banks or surrounding vegetation; • water quality; • flooding; • waterlogging or standing water on the adjoining land; • drainage conditions; • bank stability; or • any other relevant physical or environmental conditions observed at the site.	water-quality issues was observed; viable fisheries habitat was present; no fish were detected during the basic electrofishing survey; and existing downstream culverting indicated limited fisheries potential. See Annex A. The environmental memorandum also contains recorded observations concerning the stream, wildlife, trees and hedgerows. See Annex B. No further recorded observations have been identified relating specifically to width, depth, flooding, waterlogging or standing water, drainage conditions or bank stability.
6	Any internal emails, correspondence, photographs or other records concerning the site inspection or assessment.	Relevant correspondence and supporting records concerning the site inspection and assessment are enclosed at Annexes A to C. These comprise the Senior Fisheries Officer's site-visit response and associated correspondence, the externally prepared environmental memorandum and photographs, and the correspondence, map and supporting information supplied in respect of the proposed culvert. Duplicate copies of correspondence have not been reproduced separately.
7	The recorded information upon which Inland Fisheries based its conclusion that the watercourse had reasonable flow and provided viable fisheries habitat.	The conclusion was based on the Senior Fisheries Officer's observations during the site visit on 10 March 2022. Those observations, together with the recorded result of the basic electrofishing survey, are contained in the officer's response. No separate field notes or survey sheet have been identified. See Annex A.
8	The date or dates of any site inspection or survey and the role/team of the officer or officers who undertook it.	The DAERA site visit and basic electrofishing survey were undertaken on the afternoon of 10 March 2022 by a DAERA Senior Fisheries Officer with responsibility for providing fisheries consultation responses. See Annex A. The environmental memorandum also records site inspections on 3 and 4 October 2021. See Annex B.

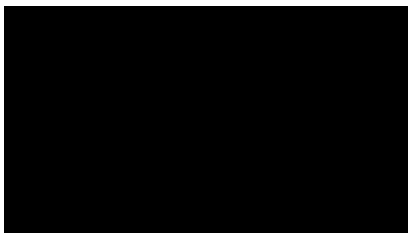
- **Annex A:** Senior Fisheries Officer's site-visit response and associated correspondence, 10 March 2022.
- **Annex B:** Memorandum concerning Lisnabreeny Road tree and hedgerow removal and Article 6 application, including environmental observations and photographs.
- **Annex C:** Correspondence, map and supporting information showing the location and extent of the proposed culvert and an indication of its design.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me 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, Floor 2, 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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