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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 10 September 2026 that sought the information set out in Appendix A.

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 NWP, Glenside Road site. 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 B for your information.

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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 NWP, Glenside Road 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 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 cannot 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.

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,

Waste Permitting Team

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Appendix A

Requested Information:

Accordingly, and for the avoidance of doubt, under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 I request copies of, or access to, the following environmental information held by NIEA in relation to PPC Permit P0341/10A/V4:

- i. the application as submitted for Variation P0341/10A/V4, in full, including any supporting statement, technical assessment or justification for a tonnage increase to 200,000 tonnes per annum;
- ii. any assessment record, internal note, or correspondence explaining or recording the basis on which the application was reduced to 175,000 tonnes per annum;
- iii. the Schedule 7 request for further information issued 31 August 2022;
- iv. NWP's replies to that request, received 30 September 2022 and 31 January 2023;
- v. all notes, minutes or records of the site review meeting of 23 February 2023, and of each other site visit referred to in the decision document;
- vi. the Odour Impact Risk Assessment and Odour Management Plan submitted with the V4 application;
- vii. the Updated Site Specific Management Plan submitted with the V4 application;
- viii. any inspection record or report evidencing the infrastructure and odour-management improvements referred to in the decision document;
- ix. the complaints data or record relied upon by the approving officer in noting "the reduced number of complaints," including number, dates and (so far as recorded) nature of complaints, and the comparison period(s) used;
- x. confirmation of whether the BAT review required under Improvement Condition IC1 (due 18 October 2024) has been completed and, if so, a copy of its outcome or report; if not, confirmation of its current status;
- xi. any record, analysis or determination by which NIEA concluded that the Original Landfill Planning Permission (S/2005/0834/F) contains no annual tonnage limit, including whether that determination involved any consultation with, or verification by, LCCC Planning;
- xii. confirmation of the specific regulatory basis (as distinct from any planning basis) on which the variation was capped at 175,000 tonnes per annum rather than the 200,000 tonnes per annum originally sought;

- xiii. confirmation of whether a regulation 2 “substantial change” opinion was formed in respect of Variation V4, and if so, a copy of that opinion, the date it was formed, and whether it was formed by reference to the application as originally submitted (200,000 tonnes per annum) or to the reduced figure (175,000 tonnes per annum);
- xiv. if no such opinion was formed, the basis on which NIEA considered the paragraph 5(1) test at Schedule 7, Part 1, of the 2013 Regulations did not need to be applied or recorded;
- xv. a copy of the “Department's procedure for variation applications” referred to in DAERA/26-574, and confirmation of whether and how it operates to treat a category of variation NIEA labels “standard” as exempt from the case-by-case paragraph 5(1) opinion, rather than applying that opinion individually to each application;
- xvi. confirmation of whether LCCC Planning received any notice under Schedule 4, paragraph 12(1)(b)(ix) in connection with Variation V4, in any form (as originally submitted or as varied) — and if not, the basis on which NIEA considered such notice unnecessary;
- xvii. confirmation of whether the reduction from 200,000 to 175,000 tonnes per annum was discussed, proposed or agreed, in whole or in part, with reference to its effect on whether the paragraph 5 consultation and advertisement procedure would be engaged; and
- xviii. confirmation of the names and job titles of the Senior Scientific Officer and Principal Scientific Officer who approved this decision, as redacted from the copy decision document I hold.

Appendix B

Public Interest Test – Environmental Information Regulations

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Requested Information: Refer to Appendix A.

Exemption / Exceptions under consideration:
Regulation 12(4)(b)

Reasons why the public interest would favour disclosure:

- Everyone has the right to access environmental information.
- DAERA is committed to conducting its business in a manner that is as open and transparent as possible.

Reasons why the public interest would favour withholding:

- Complying with the volume of information requested would apply an unjustified diversion of resources from other statutory duties.
- 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.

Waste Permitting Team