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Information held by DAERA/NIEA concerning the assessment of the landscape and visual integration of agricultural buildings and structures in the countryside.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 24 September 2026 as detailed below.

Request for recorded environmental information held by DAERA/NIEA concerning the assessment of the landscape and visual integration of agricultural buildings and structures in the countryside, particularly where the existing site contains established vegetation, hedgerows, trees or other natural enclosure.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

In Northern Ireland, agricultural buildings and structures are treated as local planning applications. Matters relating to Landscape and Visual assessment of local planning applications are the responsibility of the relevant planning authority and are not handled by DAERA/NIEA.

The relevant local council should be referred to as the appropriate planning authority.

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.

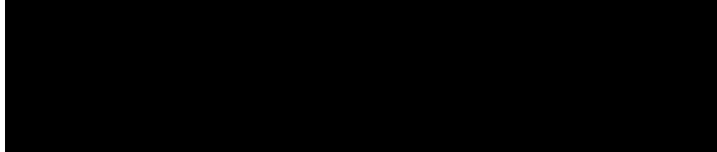
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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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,



Landscape Branch