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Request Details:

Information on legal advice in relation to Dalradian Gold's application to mine in the Sperrin Mountains AONB/ the PAC public inquiry or the planning application's cross border implications.



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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 16 October 2026 that sought the following information:

Information on legal advice in relation to Dalradian Gold's application to mine in the Sperrin Mountains AONB/ the PAC public inquiry or the planning application's cross border implications

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all of the information you requested.

The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(b) (course of justice and inquiries) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public

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interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex A**.

Legal advice obtained in 2023 was shared with both the applicant and the PACNI. This advice is already publicly available and can be accessed via the following link: [Advice from Landmark Chambers to NIEA - 31 July 2023 - attached to email of 7 Sept 2023 | Planning Appeals Commission](#)

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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