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Keady and Glenside



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Dear [REDACTED],

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 that sought the information set out in Appendix A.

This letter will answer the 5 requests as repeated in Appendix A by following the structure of the request in its list of questions 1 to 5.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is exempted from the duty to disclose some of the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held. The Department will respond to each of your 5 requests below.

- 1 The NIEA assess input tonnages on an annual basis from January to December, not against the financial year as such this information is not held.
- 2 The NIEA assess input tonnages on an annual basis from January to December, not against the financial year, however NIEA issued a warning letter on breach of annual tonnage for 2025 calendar year in May 2026.

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- 3 The NIEA assess input tonnages on an annual basis from January to December, not against the financial year as such this information is not held.
- 4 The NIEA assess input tonnages on an annual basis from January to December, not against individual quarters during the year as such this information is not held.
- 5 No information held. Further, NIEA cannot comment on enforcement action.

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](mailto: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:

Request for clarification: enforcement action in respect of exceedance of permitted tonnage limits at NWP Keady (P0479/15A) and NWP Glenside (P0341/10A) — NIEA Quarterly Returns 2025/26 and Q1 2026/27

I am writing further to my review of NIEA's quarterly waste return data for two Natural World Products (NWP) facilities regulated by NIEA: the Keady composting facility (permit P0479/15A) and the Glenside Climate Solutions Park (permit P0341/10A). The final figures for the 2025/26 financial year show that both sites received tonnage in excess of their respective permitted limits, and the tonnage received in Q1 of the current financial year (2026/27) is already running ahead of the equivalent period last year at both sites. I am writing to seek clarification as to what enforcement action has been taken, and what enforcement action is now proposed, to bring and keep both sites within their permit limits.

#### 1. NWP Keady — P0479/15A

NIEA's own quarterly return data shows that NWP Keady received a total of 136,471.4 tonnes of waste in 2025/26, against the site's permitted limit of 130,000 tonnes per annum under Variation V4. This represents an exceedance of 6,471.4 tonnes, or approximately 5.0% over the permitted limit.

This is not an isolated event. On the same quarterly return data, every complete financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25 (six consecutive years) saw the site exceed whichever tonnage cap applied at the time (Variations V2, V3 and now V4). The 2025/26 figures now confirmed above mean the site has exceeded its permitted tonnage limit in each of the last seven consecutive financial years. I am not aware of any enforcement action having been taken by NIEA against the operator in respect of this pattern of breach, in any of those seven years.

#### 2. NWP Glenside — P0341/10A

The same quarterly return data shows that NWP Glenside received a total of 180,188.80 tonnes of waste in 2025/26, against the site's permitted limit of 175,000 tonnes per annum. This represents an exceedance of 5,188.80 tonnes, or approximately 3.0% over the permitted limit.

#### 3. Q1 2026/27 — both sites

I understand from the same data source that the tonnage received at both sites in the first quarter of the current financial year (2026/27) is already higher than the tonnage received in the equivalent quarter of 2025/26. On the basis of the figures set out above, this suggests that the pattern of exceedance at both sites is continuing, and potentially worsening, rather than being brought under control.

#### 4. Regulatory context

I would draw NIEA's attention to its powers and duties under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, including the power to inspect and monitor compliance with permit conditions (Regulation 26), the power to serve enforcement notices (Regulation 27), and the requirement to maintain public registers of permit compliance information (Regulation 33). Permitted tonnage limits exist to control the environmental impact of these facilities, including traffic, odour, noise, drainage and leachate management, all of which are assessed by reference to a stated design capacity. A sustained, multi-year, unaddressed pattern of exceedance at both sites raises a serious question as to whether NIEA's regulatory regime is functioning as intended.

## 5. Requests

1. Please confirm whether NIEA's own records accord with the tonnage figures set out above for both Keady and Glenside for the 2025/26 financial year, and if not, please provide NIEA's own figures.

2. Please confirm what enforcement action, if any, NIEA has taken against NWP in respect of the tonnage exceedance at Keady, in each of the last seven financial years (2019/20 to 2025/26 inclusive), and specifically in respect of 2025/26.

3. Please confirm what enforcement action, if any, NIEA has taken against NWP in respect of the tonnage exceedance at Glenside for the 2025/26 financial year.

4. Please confirm whether NIEA is aware that Q1 2026/27 tonnage at both sites is already tracking higher than the equivalent period in 2025/26, and if so, what steps (if any) are being taken in response.

5. Please confirm what enforcement action NIEA now intends to take, at both sites, to ensure that tonnage is brought within, and thereafter kept within, the permitted limits.

6. Please confirm whether NIEA considers this pattern of repeated breach — in Keady's case, seven consecutive years — to be a relevant consideration in any current or future permit variation application for either site.

7. Please provide a timescale within which a substantive response to this letter can be expected.

I would be grateful for a response within 20 working days. If a substantive response is not received within that time, I reserve the right to escalate this matter to the Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman and/or to the Office for Environmental Protection.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas O'Donnell