



BH Estates

Visit by the Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to Carrowreagh

Farm2Export Project and visit to Carrowreagh AD Plant

26th June 2025

Agenda

1.30pm - COB

Agenda Item		Timings
1.	Arrival & Welcome Sandwiches, coffee and tea	1:00 – 1:45
2.	Walk through of project process (outside)	1:45 – 2:00
3.	Video of Mobile Screw Press working on farm	2:00 – 2:10
4.	Presentation and <u>discussion</u> session on benefits and barriers (with particular focus on): • Nutrient Action Programme • Ammonia Regulations • Biomethane and Electricity Generation from digestion • Waste Licencing	2:10 – 3:30
5.	Tour of AD Plant and further discussions	3:30 – Close



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 June 2025 09:01

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Draft Agenda - AERA Committee for Comment

[REDACTED]

Looks fine to me. I wouldn't get too hung up with exact timings.

I think the main things are for the committee to see the potential of what can be done, grasp the bigger picture (i.e. beyond water quality) and understand the barriers that we are facing.

My only advice would be that we don't want to lose the overall message by getting bogged down in the detail.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Food, Farming and Rural Affairs Group
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Clare House | Airport Road West | Belfast | BT3 9ED

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 June 2025 15:57

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Draft Agenda - AERA Committee for Comment

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Hi all,

Please see attached for comments.

Any comments need to be received by COB Tuesday evening.

Have left in word if you want to edit.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 June 2025 08:44

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Thanks

CAUTION – This email has been received from outside the NICS network. If you have any concerns, please report for investigation.

Thank you for the time, tour and follow up [REDACTED].

I am sure that we will be in contact again in the near future.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 June 2025 20:26

To: +Comm Agri-Env-Rural Public Email [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Thanks

Dear [REDACTED],

This is just a note to say thanks to the Committee Members and staff for taking the time to visit us today. We very much appreciate the time that was taken and the effort of committee staff members.

Please convey our thanks to the members, and please also convey the offer to members who were not able to make it to visit at a convenient date. We would also be happy to have follow up visits or discussions if that is of use.

[REDACTED] asked for some of the details to provide a write up and so I have attached the majority of the slide presentation for her.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2025 16:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: SULS visit

Noted

[REDACTED]
Food, Farming and Rural Affairs Group
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Clare House | Airport Road West | Belfast | BT3 9ED
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2025 16:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: SULS visit

Hi [REDACTED],

It will be more likely 1pm before Committee could get across to visit the estate on 26th

They will have their normal committee meeting then a quick lunch before heading over.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Departmental Assembly Liaison Officer (DALO)
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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2025 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS project

That's good news [REDACTED]

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Food, Farming and Rural Affairs Group
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Clare House | Airport Road West | Belfast | BT3 9ED
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2025 14:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: SULS project

Hi [REDACTED],

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Will keep you posted

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 June 2025 10:03

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

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Hi [REDACTED], trust you are well!

Would it be possible if you could give us confirmed numbers and attendees from the AERA committee by Thursday this week?

Need to try and figure the arrangement in meeting room as there will be more this time than Minister visit and also lunch details.

We will draft up an Agenda tomorrow afternoon and will send over for Thursday.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 June 2025 11:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

[REDACTED]

The AERA committee have responded and would like to take you up on your offer of lunch during the SULS visit on Thursday 26th June.

I will confirm numbers nearer the time but it would seem to be 15 from the AERA Committee, including staff.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Food, Farming and Rural Affairs Group
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 June 2025 20:49

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: SULS project

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks. That is great.

Please feel free to suggest we present over some lunch which we can put on - if they want.

Either time is good.

Best,

[REDACTED]

On 2 Jun 2025, at 16:53, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED] – just heard that it is more likely to be around 1pm by the time the AERA Committee will be with you.

FYI – they will have had lunch.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 June 2025 16:27

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: SULS project

[REDACTED]

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Would that suit yourselves? Happy to discuss if needed or if it sounds ok, let me know and we can discuss details nearer the time.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS visit

Noted [REDACTED]

I was speaking to [REDACTED] and that date suits and he is pleased to welcome the AERA committee.

He has also offered lunch so if you could put it to the committee that if they wanted to go to the farm, they could have a meet and greet and presentations over lunch and then head out round the facilities.

Sure, let me know what you think.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 02 June 2025 14:37

To: [Redacted]

[Redacted]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [Redacted]

Subject: SULS project

Hi [Redacted],

Committee are envisaging visiting the SULS project after the meeting on the 26th June. The Clerk will be asking Members to agree this date at this week's mtg.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2025 16:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS project

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Awesome thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2025 16:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS project

[REDACTED],

There is just one person who doesn't do butter or spread on their sandwiches.

No other dietary requirements for anyone else.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2025 14:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS project

[REDACTED] thanks for getting back!

Can I ask will there be any dietary requirements?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2025 10:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS project

Sorry [REDACTED], I have re read and can see that this wasn't clear.

There will be:
14 AERA committee members and support staff
2 from DAERA – [REDACTED] and myself
[REDACTED]
DAERA ammonia – TBC

We will get time confirmed and let you know as soon as we know.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 June 2025 11:09

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

Thanks [REDACTED], would you be able to confirm numbers from your side by Thursday 19th?

Is that possible

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 June 2025 09:44

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

[REDACTED]

Just to confirm that there will be approximately 14 AERA committee and their support officials, myself and [REDACTED] and then your team on the 26th.

Also I have been advised that the committee members will likely all drive to BHE, though some may car share.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 June 2025 16:41

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

Hi [REDACTED],

I think we discussed numbers and timings – we are pulling together plans.

I think we are planning for roughly 25 people?

Grateful for confirmation.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 June 2025 11:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SULS project

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Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2025 13:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SULS Visit

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Thanks [REDACTED]

I will put this in Chair's Business this week as an invitation.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2025 11:54
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DAERA Assembly Support [REDACTED]
Subject: SULS Visit

[REDACTED],

Just to follow up on our phone call on Friday.

The Minister visited Blakiston Houston Estates last week and he suggested that it would be very beneficial for the Committee to visit.

The SULS Project Team would like to invite the AERA Committee to BH Estates site in Dundonald to hear about their Farm2Export Project and the process of livestock slurry separation that BH Estates and their consortium partners are developing. The event will include a visual demonstration of the supply chain of materials from slurry, chicken litter and factory waste to organo mineral fertiliser and the associated environmental benefits.

If Committee were agreeable to a visit, you and I had felt that a Thursday afternoon after a formal Committee meeting in Parliament Buildings when members are together may be an opportune time to arrange a visit.

Happy to discuss.

Many thanks

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Email: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 June 2025 11:53

To: DAERA Private Office <Private.Office@daera-ni.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: AERA Committee SULS visit to BH Estates at Dundonald - 26 June

Private Office

For your information, following a SULS (Sustainable Utilisation of Livestock Slurry) visit by the Minister to Blakiston Houston Estates on 27 March 25, and at Minister's request, we have arranged with the DALO for a SULS visit for the AERA Committee to BH Estates at Dundonald. The visit will take place on 26th June and [REDACTED] and I will be in attendance.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 June 2025 15:57

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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