Reference Number: DAERA/26-771
Request Details:
Information regarding Approved October 2017 CQA Plan, Lisbane Landfill

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30 October 2026

Dear SP Mulligan

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 02 October 2026 as detailed below.

Dear Northern Ireland Environment Agency,

Thank you for the recent response and disclosures in relation to my EIR request DAERA/26-520, "CQA Plans - Bluesky Resource Recovery Ltd."

One of the documents disclosed in response to that request, the August 2025 Lisbane Landfill Site Capping Works Construction Quality Assurance Plan, states:

"The capping works will complete the final phase of capping as detailed in the NIEA approved October 2017 CQA Plan."

Please treat this email as a new request for environmental information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

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Please provide:

1. A copy of the NIEA-approved October 2017 CQA Plan referred to in the August 2025 CQA Plan.
2. A copy of the associated NIEA approval or determination record for that CQA Plan, if held separately.
3. Confirmation of:
   * the date on which the CQA Plan was submitted to NIEA;
   * the date on which it was approved; and
   * whether it was a new CQA Plan, a revised or updated version of an earlier CQA Plan, or superseded an earlier CQA Plan.

Where the requested information is recorded within the CQA Plan itself, or within a single associated approval or determination document, I would be content to receive that document rather than additional records duplicating the same information.

Yours faithfully,

Response:

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

The October 2017 CQA Plan and the record of its approval by NIEA are attached.

Some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

The Department has considered this element within the test attached at **Appendix A** and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under EIR exists. Please bear in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the "world at large" and not just to you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

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,

Waste Permitting Team

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APPENDIX A

Reference Number – DAERA/26-771
Requested Information:
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Dear Northern Ireland Environment Agency,

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Yours faithfully,
Brief description of the Personal Data falling within the scope of the request

The data includes names which would enable the identification of individuals.
LAWFULNESS
Please identify the lawful basis for processing

Personal data is processed when it is lawfully disclosed in response to an FOI / EIR request.

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The lawful basis for processing are set out in Article 6 of the GDPR and the ICO expects at least one of two lawful bases (Consent / Legitimate Interest) to apply before the personal data held can be disclosed.

☐ **Consent:** This will apply when the data subject(s) clear consent exists that allows you to disclose the personal data falling within the scope of this request.

☐ **Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for the Department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

Consideration of Legitimate Interests

1. **PURPOSE**

As the disclosure of personal data under FOIA or EIR is a disclosure to the world at large, doing so on the strength of a requester's private interests alone could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

2. **NECESSITY**

The right of access under FOI or EIR does not in itself constitute a **pressing social need**.

The Department has considered and not identified any such need for the data subject's right to privacy to be interfered with.

CONCLUSION

Having considered all the information contained within this test, the Department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful reason for the disclosure of third party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.