Reference Number: DAERA/26-792
Request Details:
Information related to the current position of an earlier enforcement complaint and to the investigation into alleged damage to designated Lough Doo ASSI land associated with the retrospective farm shed development at Crancussy Road, application LA09/2023/0015/F.

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02 November 2026

Dear [redacted]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 08 October 2026, which sought the following information concerning alleged damage to designated Lough Doo Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) land associated with the retrospective farm shed development at Crancussy Road, planning application LA09/2023/0015/F.

1) **Whether my original environmental enforcement complaint remains open and, if so, its current reference and status?**

DAERA NIEA investigation (Ref: AE2-25-91247) under The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 & later amendments (Article 46), prompted by your original report of concerns by e-mail to the Department on 22 April 2025 has been completed. Investigation status: Closed.

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2) **Whether the relevant ASSI specialists have investigated the physical alterations against the designation and its protected features?**

Yes.

3) **Whether the Department has established what ASSI consents, permissions, licences, or other authorisations existed, if any, for the works carried out**?

Yes.

4) **Whether the Department has considered its functions under Part IV of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, including Articles 32, 38 and 46, and any appropriate protective or restorative measures?**

Yes.

5) **Whether the ongoing reconsideration of LA09/2023/0015/F is being treated as a reason to defer environmental enforcement and, if so, the statutory or policy basis for that position.**

No deferral of DAERA environmental enforcement action in place.

6) **Whether a site inspection has been undertaken or is proposed.**

An initial drone survey of the site by NIEA officers occurred on 28 April 2025 followed by NIEA ground visit on 19 June 2025.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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