

EIR Request (received 10 June 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0255

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

In respect to the above regulations, I am writing to request a copy of all correspondence issued to and from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the Curraghinalt Project (Application ref: LA10/2017/1249/F & SPD/2017/1249/F) from 13th January 2025.

Refined request (received 23 June 2025)

In respect to the above regulations, I am writing to update my original request dated 10 June 2023. Under the above regulations I can clarify that I am requesting a copy of all correspondence between (to and from) the Department for Infrastructure and individuals, groups or organisations expressing concerns/objection or support in relation to the Curraghinalt Project (Mine Application ref: LA10/2017/1249/F & SPD/2017/1249/F and Powerline Application refs: LA10/2019/1386/F & LA11/2019/1000/F) from 13th January 2025.

Response (issued 12 September 2025)

Thank you for your letter dated 10 June 2025 and the letter dated 23 June 2025 refining your request for information held by the Department, under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). Firstly, I apologise for the delay in the response and appreciate your patience.

You requested the following:

All correspondence between (to and from) the Department for Infrastructure and individuals, groups or organisations expressing concerns/objection or support in relation to the Curraghinalt Project (Mine Application ref: LA10/2017/1249/F & SPD/2017/1249/F and Powerline Application refs: LA10/2019/1386/F & LA11/2019/1000/F) from 13th January 2025.

I can inform you that the Department does hold information relevant to your request. Please note that, in accordance with Regulation 5(1), the information provided in response to your request is limited to that which was held by the Department at the time the request was received. Any information generated or obtained after that date does not fall within the scope of this request and is therefore not included in the disclosure.

In compliance with Reg. 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, I can inform you that some of the requested information, specifically EIR requests, is already

publicly available and easily accessible to you via the search function at <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications>. In order to assist in refining your search , please find below the references for the EIR requests received by the Department which fall within the parameters of your request:

- DFI/2025-0016
- DFI/2025-0017
- DFI/2025-0019
- DFI/2025-0018
- DFI/2025-0027
- DFI/2025-0049
- DFI/2025-0021
- DFI/2025-0151
- DFI/2025-0199
- DFI/2025-0224
- DFI/2025-0223
- DFI/2025-0236
- DFI/2025-0290
- DFI/2025-0239
- DFI/2025-0241

With regards to all other information related to your request, held by the Department for Infrastructure, as EIR relates to public rights of access to information, I must consider whether information is suitable for release to the world at large, and not solely to the applicant. I have examined the information you requested and carried out a public interest test to determine whether this information is suitable for release to the public.

Following consideration of the public interest in this case, I attach all information held that is suitable for disclosure to the public. However, I have determined that some of the requested information is not suitable for release, and the attached records have been redacted for the following reason.

The redacted information constitutes third party personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). A public authority may only release third party personal data if to

do so would be fair, lawful and would meet the conditions in Schedule 2, 3 or 4 of the DPA. The Department may not disclose personal information to the public in contravention of any of the data protection principles (Article 5(1) UK General Data Protection Regulation or sections 34(1) and 85(1) DPA) and must consider all consequences of disclosure in each case.

The information provided has therefore been redacted under the exception provided under EIR by Regulation 12(3) & 13: personal information. I am satisfied that the public interest is best served by withholding this information.

Please note that some further content within the enclosed documents has been redacted. These redactions relate to information that is not relevant to the subject matter of your request and therefore falls outside the scope of the information you have requested.

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