

EIR Request (received 17 June 2025) - Reference: DFI/2025-0271

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request copies of all recorded information held by the Department for Infrastructure and/or DfI Roads Service regarding the temporary arch erected over a public road in Hillsborough on the evening of Monday 16th June 2025.

This request covers, but is not limited to:

1. The original application submitted for erecting the arch (including dates, location, plans).
2. Structural engineering reports certifying safety.
3. Insurance policies or details of insurance arrangements.
4. Correspondence between DfI and the Orange Order (or other groups) regarding permissions, conditions, or inspections.
5. Section Engineer inspection reports related to erection, maintenance, and removal.
6. Any risk assessments or safety documentation prepared before, during, or after installation.
7. Permission obtained for a member of the Orange Order to stop and direct traffic on a public road.
8. Any meetings held with PSNI regarding road closures and traffic management

Response (issued 27 June 2025)

Thank you for your email dated 17 June 2025 requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), the following information in relation to the temporary arch erected on a public road in Hillsborough:

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In considering your request on behalf of the Department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as opposed to the FOI Act 2000. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information. EIR gives rights of public access environmental information held by public authorities.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at: [Guide to the Environmental Information Regulations](#).

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department does not hold any information relating to your request.

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