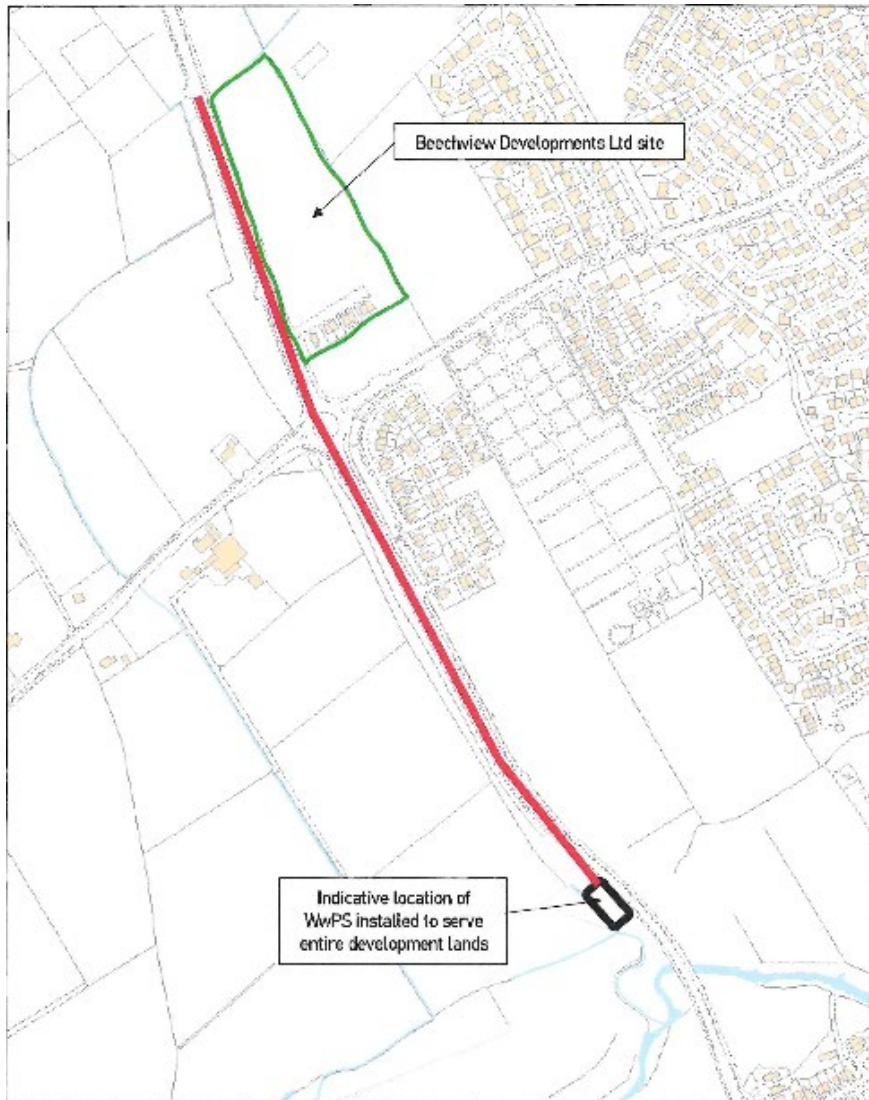


**EIR Request (received 14 December 2023) - Reference: DFI/2023-0469**

Under Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

All correspondence and communication with NIWater and developers or their agents in respect of the issuing of a Road Bond for the area of the Doagh Road, Ballyclare, shown as indicated by a red line on the attached map.



**Response (issued 16 January 2024)**

Thank you for your email which we received on 14 December 2023, requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), information held by this office in relation to correspondence and communication with NI Water, developers or agents in respect of the

issuing of a road bond for Jubilee Road, Ballyclare. The area of road being indicated by a red line on the map attached with your request.

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 (EIR), as opposed to Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is for information that relates to activities, policies or plans that affect the environment. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi-eir-and-access-to-information/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department does hold information relating to your request. The information requested is attached.

Please be aware that some information contained within the attached records has, following consideration of the public interest, been deemed not suitable for release into the public domain and has been redacted.

The redacted information constitutes third party personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 1998 (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) General Data Protection Regulation or sections 34(1) and 85(1) DPA) and must consider all consequences of disclosure in each case.

This information is therefore 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.

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