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Ms

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Dear Ms Patton

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request the Rural Development programme Priority 6 Displacement

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act received on 11th February 2019 and advise that Council holds the requested information as follows:

Request:

In relation to the Rural Development Programme Priority 6 Rural Businesses Investment Scheme:

1. Can you tell me the number of applications that were rejected under displacement?
2. Can you outline the criteria used when assessing displacement?
3. Finally of those applications that were rejected under displacement can you tell me the sectors they were operating in?

Response:

The following information is provided for the Rural Business Investment Scheme (RBIS) in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area which is administered by Council on behalf of Derry & Strabane Rural Partnership.

1. Number of applications rejected under displacement:	There has been one application rejected under displacement in four RBIS calls assessed to date.
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2. Criteria used when assessing displacement:	<p>The DAERA criteria for displacement includes the following:</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate that there is a clear market demand and describe the impact on their competitors – in terms of whether the proposal will lead to any substitution or saturation in the market. Project appraisal includes an assessment of the displacement risk looking at background on the market; market need and market potential; alternative products/services and main competitors; and competitive edge (or unique selling points).</p> <p>The Assessment Panel must consider the evidence presented to them in relation to displacement and decide that where displacement occurs, it is at an acceptable level.</p>
3. Sectors of applications rejected under displacement:	<p>The sector for the one application rejected under displacement related to waste/recycling.</p>

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
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I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Head of Business