

Ref: EIR / 6385

28 May 2026

Email:

Dear

**Environmental Information Regulations Request - Environmental Review of
Ulster Science Park**

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

- 1. Has the site been identified for inspection or further review under the Council's Contaminated Land Strategy (or other Part IIA undertaking)? If so, please describe the priority status/risk ranking of the site and the likely timescale for any further scrutiny of the site.**

The contaminated land regime under Part III of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 has not been commenced in Northern Ireland. Accordingly, Derry City and Strabane District Council does not currently operate a statutory contaminated land inspection regime equivalent to Part IIA in other UK jurisdictions.

- 2. Are there any known contamination issues associated with the site or in the near vicinity e.g. in terms of former or current contaminative site uses, leaks or spills of any oil/chemical substances etc.? If there have been any intrusive investigations at the site or near vicinity, please provide dates and titles of any reports and confirm whether the reports are publicly available.**

The EHS are aware that the site is situated in close proximity to other industrial uses, namely electronics manufacturer Seagate Technology (Ireland) and other industrial units within Springtown Industrial Estate.

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The EHS has no direct knowledge or record of any contamination issues at the site. The EHS are aware that there has been Preliminary Risk assessments carried out in vicinity to the site, these reports can be accessed on the Public Planning Portal by carrying out a map search at the following link:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/map-search>

Further detail on contaminated land is available on the DAERA Historical land use map and also may be available from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). Contact details are provided below:

Land and Groundwater Team
17 Antrim Road
Tonagh
Lisburn
BT28 3AL
General queries: 028 9056 9348
Email: LGWinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk

- 3. Please provide the following details of any current or former landfills located within a 250m radius of the site:**
- A. The location of all landfills, both closed and operational (i.e. National Grid Reference and location plan if available).**
 - B. Dates when the landfill was operational.**
 - C. Types of waste deposited.**
 - D. Any information on volume of waste deposited, depth of infilling and landfill structure.**
 - E. Details of any landfill gas monitoring, site investigation or gas spiking undertaken at the landfill or in the immediate vicinity of the site.**

The EHS is not aware of any current or former landfilling on site or within 250m of this site. You may wish to seek advice from The Northern Ireland Environment Agency's (NIEA) land and groundwater team. Contact details have been provided above.

- 4. Have elevated indoor radon gas concentrations been identified within buildings on or within 100m of the site? Have radon protection measures been required in buildings on site or within 100m? If so, please provide details.**

The EHS does not hold any specific information in relation to indoor radon gas concentrations within buildings on or within 100m of the site. Radon Maps/Atlas can be accessed at the following links:

<http://www.ukradon.org/information/ukmaps>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/radon-indicative-atlas-for-northern-ireland>.

- 5. Are there any known current or former nuisance issues, prosecutions or enforcements associated with the site or adjoining properties, e.g. noise, odour or dust issues/complaints? If yes, what was the nature of the issue and what was the outcome?**

The EHS are not aware of any current substantiated nuisance issues, prosecutions or enforcements associated with the site or adjoining properties/premises in the vicinity of the site.

- 6. Are there any known private water supplies recorded on your Local Authority Private Water Supply Register, within 2km radius of the site? If yes what is the location (i.e. NGR), the source of abstraction and its purpose?**

The EHS is not aware of any private water supply's within the site boundary indicated.

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) within the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs may hold information regarding private water supplies registered with them. They can be contacted at dwi@daera-ni.gov.uk

7. Please provide details of any Part A(2) or Part B Environmental Permits (formerly LAAPC/LAPPC authorisations) licensed to the site or to adjoining properties.

You may wish to contact the Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate (IPRI) within the Northern Ireland Environment Agency for any further information required regarding Part A and B permitted installations. The public register can be searched online at <https://www.daerani.gov.uk/articles/public-registers>.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

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

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