



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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**Chathair Dhoire &
Cheantar an tSratha Báin**

Derry Cittie & Stràbane
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Ref: EIR / 5903

20th August 2025

Dear Mr,

Re: EIR / 5903 - Mineral Prospecting Licences

I refer to your email of 23rd July 2025 addressed to the Planning Team to which I have been asked to respond. As you will now be aware Derry City and Strabane District Council issued pre-action correspondence to the Department for the Economy in relation to the legality of the decision to issue Mineral Prospecting Licences DGA3/25 and DGA4/25. You will also be aware that Derry City and Strabane District Council has now lodged an Application for Leave to apply for Judicial Review of the decision to grant these licences. You will also be aware that the Department has written to the Court proposing that leave is granted in the application brought by Derry City and Strabane District Council and that licences DG3/25 and DG4/25 be quashed.

I trust therefore that this addresses your concerns in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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