

Ref: EIR / 5990

23rd September 2025

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Environmental Information Request on Douglas Bridge

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Details of any pollution incidences at the site or the surrounding lands within 500m;

The Environmental Health Service has no record of pollution incidents on this site or the surrounding lands with 500m.

You may wish to consider Waste Management activities listed on Public register at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/waste-management-licensing-public-register>. Please contact the Waste Regulation Unit for any further information required. General queries: 028 9056 9353, Email: WRU.Queries@daera-ni.gov.uk.

Contaminated land records for the site or surrounding lands within 500m;

The Environmental Health Service does not hold a Register of Contaminated Land throughout the district. It is noted from aerial photography on both OSNI SpatialNI and Google Maps that the land immediately to the West of the site appears to store a number of disused vehicles.

Historical land use is depicted on <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer>.

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) holds a database of sites where, based on their historic land-use, there is potential for contamination to be present. The data base can be found at: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/planning-and-land-contamination> and further guidance may be obtained from the Land and Groundwater Team within the NIEA. (General queries: 028 9056 9348, Email: LGWinfo@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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The site is located in an area of elevated radon potential with a maximum of 5-10% addresses at or above the action level of 200 becquerels per cubic metre (200 Bq m⁻³). <https://www.ukradon.org/information/ukmaps>

IPC Consents within 500m;

The Environmental Health Service would confirm there are no IPPC installations within 500m.

Part C permitted installations are marked on an interactive map available on the Council Website at <https://dcsdc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a414295d11474bc5b05a252a9f406046>.

Part A and B permitted installations within the Council area that are regulated by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency are listed online at <https://public-registers.daera-ni.gov.uk/pollution-prevention-control>. Please contact the Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate(IPRI) Tel: 028 9056 9299, Email: ipri@daera-ni.gov.uk for any further information required.

Air and Noise monitoring within 500m;

The Environmental Health Service has not carried out any air monitoring or noise monitoring in relation to this site or within 500m.

Relevant complaints within 500m;

The Environmental Health Service has no record of complaints in relation to this site. We have on record a complaint in 2017 of Japanese Knotweed growth on land alongside the Douglas Burn at Camus Road which may be deemed relevant as this is in close proximity to the northern boundary of this site.

Private wells in 500m vicinity;

The Environmental Health Service does not maintain a public register of single private wells in the district.

The DWI holds a register of all known private water supplies in Northern Ireland that come under the Private Water Supplies Regulations. Further information is available at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/private-water-supplies#toc-9> and the contact details for DWI are;

Drinking Water Inspectorate 17 Antrim Road Tonagh Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 3AL
Tel: 028 9056 9282 Email: privatewatersupplies@daera-ni.gov.uk

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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