

EIR Request (received 31 October 2023, clarified 06 November 2023) -

Reference: DFI/2023-0407

I was wondering if I could have access to a basic record of the drain systems in Daire especially in the urban area. If you could provide either plans or sections or both that would be great. I am a student at the University of Edinburgh, and we are attempting to reformat these for a project.

Clarified:

I am looking for a slice containing the walled city extents down to the River Foyle on the right and to "Free Derry Corner" on the left, north and south can just be the extents of the walled city.

Response (issued 05 December 2023)

I refer to your email of 31st October 2023 to the Drainage Council for Northern Ireland requesting under the Freedom of Information Act information on the drain systems in Derry. Your further email of 6th November 2023 refined the area of interest to within the walled city extents down to the River Foyle on the right and to Free Derry corner on the left.

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/>.

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The Department's Rivers Directorate undertakes maintenance on watercourses that are designated. These are watercourses that have been approved for maintenance at public expense by the Drainage Council for Northern Ireland. All other watercourses are classed as undesignated, and their maintenance is the responsibility of the riparian landowners.

Designated watercourses are available to view on the Department's website at: <https://dfi-ni.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=28b901c557054dd488953180d2309903>.

You should note that the Department does not maintain a database of undesignated watercourses, which may be present in this area.

DfI Roads and Northern Ireland Water may also have drain systems within your area of interest.

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