

EIR Request (received 14 November 2023) - Reference: DFI/2023-0428

Under Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information:

Planning Application LA09/2022/1350/F - Retention of utility storage yard, portacabins, security fencing and all associated site works (temporary use).

- The recent DFI Roads consultation decision as available on the Mid Ulster Planning Portal case officer contact details;
- information held in terms of numbers and types of vehicles proposed by the applicant and information gathered by DFI Roads to ensure this information is correct;
- is the case officer aware of local resident concerns in terms of road safety that has been reported previously to DFI Roads, including photographs and videos of HGV blocking road junctions;
- numbers of road traffic accidents/incidents within 100 metres of the Glen Road/A6 junction opposite Oakleaf filling station within the past 5 years; and
- all case reports and information held by DFI Roads in relation to the above Planning application.

Response (issued 07 December 2023)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 14 November 2023 requesting information held by the Department in relation to planning application LA09/2022/1350/F.

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/>.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department of Infrastructure does hold information related to your request. As EIR relates to general public rights of access to

information, I must consider whether information is suitable for release to the World at large and not solely to the applicant. I have examined the information you requested and carried out a public interest test to determine whether this information is suitable for release to the public.

I will address each of the questions you asked, in order, as follows:

1. Andrew Alderdice was the DfI Roads contact when acting as a statutory consultee for the planning application. The best means of contact is via e-mail, using a regularly monitored generic e-mail address such as: DfIRoads.Western@infrastructureni.gov.uk
2. The consultation response is based upon the information submitted and available through the Mid Ulster Council Planning Portal. DfI consider the predicted traffic figures are reasonable.
3. The case officer is aware of objector concerns which have been raised through the planning process.
4. DfI have records of injury collisions at this location up to 31 December 2020. Our records show that there have been no recorded injury collisions at the junction of Glen Road/Glenishane Road since 2018.

DfI records do show 3 recorded injury collisions in 2018 and 1 injury collision in 2019 in the A6 Glenishane Road, at the junction with the shop/petrol station which is within 100 metres of the Glen Road junction.

More recent information on road traffic collisions may be available from PSNI.

5. All the information you have requested is already publically available on the Mid Ulster Council Planning Portal.

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