AIE Requests for Non-Personal Information completed in August 2023				
AIE No.	**Date Rec'd**	**Requester Type**	**Request Details**	**Outcome**
23/393	03/07/2023	Other	The information requested is: Item 1. Alleged Illegal Roads & Felling 1. Information on all Alleged Illegal Roads & Alleged Illegal Felling Incidents reported during June 2023 2. Information on all Alleged Illegal Roads & Alleged Illegal Felling Incidents investigated during June 2023 To be clear I am seeking the records relating to the incidents in 1 & 2. Records to include a status update. Item 2. Certifying Inspector The name of the certifying Inspector for all Forestry Licences issued during June 2023 – please ensure that the licence number is related to the certifying inspector. Item 3. Commencement of Operations Information on all commencement and completion notices (formal or informal, including any material changes) received by the FS of DAFM from the licensee or their representative in relation to forestry licences / approvals (all Schemes) during June 2023 to date. Please note that this includes notifications for felling works and / or Forest Roads where such notification is required as a licence condition. Information to include, but not restricted to ; AFFORESTATION SCHEME FORM 1(a): Notice of Planting AFFORESTATION SCHEME FORM 1(b): Notice of Substantial Commencement AFFORESTATION SCHEME FORM 1(c): Notice of Completion of Planting Forest Road Works Felling Operations Information on any Notification of Material Changes Item 4. Licence Extensions Information on all licence extensions (a) applied for and (b) granted by the Forest Service (all schemes) during June 2023, to include (but not restricted to) a. Reference number b. Original expiry date	Part Grant

			c. Dated extension request d. Dated letter granting or refusing extension e. New expiry date, where applicable f. New AA screening and where relevant new AA Report and Determination g. New EIA screening h. Related correspondence (any media) Item 5. Post licence inspection reports of Coillte Sites 1. The date of all post licence inspections carried out in June'23 by the Forest Service of DAFM of the operations of Coillte felling licences. 2. All post licence inspection reports produced / completed in June'23 by the Forest Service of DAFM as a result of inspections carried out of the operations of Coillte felling licences. (This includes reports based on inspections that were carried out prior to June'23) The information to include any relevant correspondence and subsequent environmental information as a result of follow ups on the inspections, including surveys, analysis, etc. For clarification - Correspondence related to Inspections carried out prior to June'23 where that correspondence was received during June'23 are also covered by this request. Item 6. Red and Amber Infringements All information on Red and Amber Infringements of Felling Licences under the Forest Services Escalation Framework during June'23 consistent with the DAFM document Harvesting Inspections of Felling Licences (Nov '22). To clarify, where there are infringements I am looking for the records related to the identification and addressing of the infringement. Item 7. Replanting Orders A copy of all Replanting Orders (Section 26 Forestry Act (2014)) served during June 2023. Where the replanting order relates to a felling licence, please provide the reference number of the licence. Item 8. Statement of Facts 1. A copy of any Statement of Facts provided by the Forest Service to the Forestry Appeals Committee during June'23. Where the records have already been included on the FLV	

			please provide a list of case reference numbers so that the records can be identified on the FLV. 2. Any related correspondence, internal or external.	
23/397	10/07/2023	Other	) Comments emailed to xxx xxxxxx Environmental Co-ordination Unit |Climate Change & Bioenergy Policy Division (XXX@agriculture.gov.ie) on 16.01.2019 by xxxx xxxxx of the Forestry Division in relation to the Good Practice Guidance Note on SEA for Forestry - and all related correspondence. 2) All correspondence between xxxxx xxxx of the Forestry Division and xxxx xxxxx EPA (x xxxx@epa.ie) relating to SEA and Forestry Guidance	Refused
23/343	23/05/2023	Business Int	Please provide the following information under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment Directive 2003/4/EC) and Irish Regulations 2007 to 2014 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011 and S.I. No. 615 of 2014) and the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters [the Aarhus Convention] in the format of electronic files. Any records since January 1, 2020, of your Department's assessment and development of its policy on the subject of the classification of peat soils by depth and organic matter percentage including advice or restrictions on the future drainage of and/or afforestation of peat soils as defined, including any external communications with any other agency or body, national and European.	Grant

23/385	27/06/2023	Other	Woodlands of Ireland is working on a contract for Leitrim Council Council to carry out a County xxxx xxxxx. As part of the County Leitrim Hedgerow Appraisal Survey we would undertake an assessment of hedgerows that are now within forestry plantations established within the survey squares. In particular this will focus on lands afforested since the original 2006 survey as it should permit for an evaluation of effective hedgerow loss as a result of afforestation. A copy of the survey squares is attached below for your information. Therefore we are looking to acquire in electronic format, under the AIE Regulations, copies of relevant information relating to these areas of afforestation, in particular we would need a copy of: 1) All information relating to CNXXX which does not appear on the FLV, including any commencement notices and a shapefile of the plots 2) All information relating to CNXXX which does not appear on the FLV, including any commencement notices and a shapefile of the plots 3) All information relating to CNXXX which does not appear on the FLV, including any commencement notices and a shapefile of the plots 4)All information relating to CNXXX which does not appear on the FLV, including any commencement notices and a shapefile of the plots	Part Grant
23/398	10/07/2023	Other	Information on meetings and correspondence between the registered foresters / applicants / landowners and the Forest Service Inspectorate related to afforestation applications CNXXX and CNXXX which are not on the FLV including dates, Minutes, Notes, internal and external correspondence (all media).	Refused

23/399	11/07/2024	Other	Details of records where EU Commission raised environmental concerns raised in relation to Ireland's proposed forestry programme, in particular any correspondance mentioning the following issues: a) the percentage of broadleaf trees planted b) the impact on farmland birds c) the impact of planting on peatlands d) the impact on Annex 1 habitats e) the impact on high-value farmland Records of EU commission letters to DAFM on June 6, and June 21, relating to its review of Ireland’s application for proposed forestry programme for 2023 to 2027. Records of DAFM letters in response the correspondence received from EU Commission on June 6 and June 21 Agenda, minutes, notes or other records relating to in-person bilateral discussions between the EU commission and Irish Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan and Irish Minister of State, Pippa Hackett that took place on June 20, 2023 in relation to the proposed forestry programme For the purposes of this request, please limit timeframe to 2023 correspondence between EU and DAFM	Refused

23/401	11/07/2024	Other	. A map showing the location of all afforestation licences approved by the Forest Service within squares G92,G93 and G94 of Figure 1 in the xxxx xxxxxx and the Forestry Sector in Ireland 2015 Report. (If possible, also include on the map the boundaries of squares G92,G93 and G94). 2. A table listing both the CN reference numbers and the size of the forest (in hectares) for the afforestation licence areas shown on the map (point 1 above) 3. A map showing the location of all felling licences approved by the Forest Service within squares G92,G93 and G94 of Figure 1 in the Hen Harrier Conservation and the Forestry Sector in Ireland 2015 Report. (If possible, also include on the map the boundaries of squares G92,G93 and G94). 4. A table listing both TFL and LM reference numbers and the size of the forest (in hectares) for the felling licence areas shown on the map (point 3 above).	Grant
23/406	19/07/2023	Other	please supply the complete file on felling application WDXXX-FLXXX by email by close of business 20th July 2033 This file is not on the website. as it is needed for a potential Judicial Review	Part Grant

23/407	21/07/2023	Other	In response to S.I. No. 293 of 2021, the DAFM introduced revised public consultation procedures for projects that may affect European sites. Details of the new consultation processes introduced by DAFM were contained in Circular 10/2021, which was effective from 12 July 2021. With regard to Point 5 of Circular 10/2021 i.e. the decision to reduce the timeframe for lodging an appeal from 28 days to 14 days and in respect of the period from 1 January 2021 to 12 July 2021 (both dates inclusive) please provide, by email, all information held by or for DAFM that informed the decision to reduce the timeframe for lodging an appeal from 28 days to 14 days The information provided should include, inter alia: - Internal and external correspondence (any media, including text and WhatsApp messages) - Advice received, including legal advice, including drafts - Any analysis, review or consideration etc of any material and / or draft proposals in relation to considerations to reduce the timeframe for lodging an appeal. - Consultations - Draft reports and final reports (including all appendices or annexes) - Notes of all telephone conversations where any part of the conversation is relevant to the request - Notes of all meetings (actual or virtual) where any part of the meeting is relevant to the request - Investigations, either conducted internally, or externally by any third parties, that are relevant to the request	Refused
23/408	26/07/2023	Other	Please provide, by email, a copy of all records held in connection with the refusal of afforestation application CNxxxxx Requested records to include, inter alia: 1. All Internal notes compiled during the assessment of the application. 2. Appropriate Assessment screening reports. 3. Assessment to determine EIA Requirement 4. Plot details. 5. Inspector's Certification Report Appropriate Assessment Determination	Part Grant

23/409	26/07/2023	Journalist	• the Aarhus Convention[1]; • DIRECTIVE 2003/4/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC,“the Directive”; and • the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, “the AIE Regulations”.	Part Grant
23/412	31/07/2023	Other	For the period 1 July 2023 to 31 July 2023 and for Co. Leitrim only, please provide, by email, a copy of each: 1) Form 1 (a) : Notice of Planting, 2) Form 1 (b) : Notice of Substantial Commencement 3) Form 1 (c) : Notice of Completion of Planting,	Refused
23/413	31/07/2023	Other	I wish to request a copy of all submissions made to the public consultation of the Review of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations.	Part Grant

23/414	01/08/2023	Other	Nitrates 1.For all screening decisions made during July'23 I would like to request all information which informed the decision, to include, inter alia: a. Section B from the EIA Screening Application form (appropriately redacted to remove personal information) b. Any associated maps and information provided by the applicant c. DAFM Inspector's Assessment for an EIA Screening Decision Report d. All reasoning which underpinned the Inspector's decision consistent with the EIA Directive e. Appropriate Assessment Screening / Report / Determination (INCLUDING AUTHOR & DATE) f. Any submitted EIS or NIS g. Details of any consultation in respect of the application or decision h. Any internal memo's relating to the application 2. The date on which the Screening Determination was published on the DAFM website. 3. A copy of all information on applications made post 30th June 2023 under the screening process of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations where a decision has yet to be made. Records to include, inter alia: a. Section B from the EIA Screening Application form (appropriately redacted) b. Any associated maps and information provided by the applicant c. DAFM Inspector's Assessment for an EIA Screening Decision Report (if completed) d. AA Screening (if completed) INCLUDING AUTHOR & DATE e. Details of any consultation in respect of the application or decision including any consultation responses. f. Related correspondence, including any referral in connection with the works	Part Grant
23/416	01/08/2023	Other	The Department is not precluded from providing me with the information requested outside of the AIE process. If you are not prepared to release the information without an AIE request then please consider this to be a request made under the AIE Regulations for the claim made and paid on CNXXX	Part Grant

23/417	02/08/2023	Other	Please provide, by email, a copy of all records held in connection with the refusal of afforestation application CNxxxx Requested records to include, inter alia: 1. All Internal notes compiled during the assessment of the application. 2. Appropriate Assessment screening reports. 3. Assessment to determine EIA Requirement 4. Plot details. 5. Inspector's Certification Report Appropriate Assessment Determination 6. Refusal letter	Part Grant
23/419	04/08/2023	Other	All information on file relating to felling licences LMXXX-FLXXX & LMXXX-FLXXX which does not appear on the FLV. (Please note that this also includes any post licence monitoring inspections)	Part Grant
23/420	02/08/2023	Other	The Minister for Agriculture gave a radio interview on Saturday 29 July 2023 where is said that Ireland was number 2 or 3 in the EU for water quality. https:XXX I would be very grateful if you could forward the data or report from which this claim is derived	Grant
23/422	10/08/2023	Other	Please provide, by email, a copy of all records held in connection with the afforestation application CNxxxxx Requested records to include, inter alia: 1. All Internal notes compiled during the assessment of the application. 2. Appropriate Assessment screening reports. 3. Assessment to determine EIA Requirement 4. Plot details. 5. Inspector's Certification Report Appropriate Assessment Determination	Part Grant

23/423	14/08/2023	Other	Please supply the Pre-Screening/NIS and the Application Packfor these applcations. LSXXX-FLXXXCoillte ThinningDecision Pending3.43 ha LSXXX-FLXXXCoillte ThinningDecision Pending35.42 ha LSXXX-FLXXXCoillte ClearfellDecision Pending7.18 ha LSXXX-FLXXXCoillte ThinningDecision Pending120.08 ha LSXXX-FLXXXCoillte ThinningDecision Pending120.08 ha	Grant
23/424	14/08/2023	Other	PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE MINISTERS' AUTHORITY FOR THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS DECISION WHOSE SIGNATURE IS UNREADABLE	Grant
23/425	14/08/2023	Other	PLEASE SUPPLY A COPY OF THE NIS FOR THIS APPLICATION	Refused
23/428	15/08/2023	Other	We refer to the above matter and hereby REQUEST that you furnish us with copies of all documents, correspondence, memoranda, and records, whether in electronic form or otherwise held, relating to the Ministerial Consultation under Section 3(1B) of the Foreshore Act, 1933 in respect of the abovementioned Foreshore FSXXX granted to XXXX dated 8th February, 2021 and published in Iris Oifigiúil on 12th February, 2021. We hereby confirm that the foregoing request is made in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 and in accordance with the Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Regulations 2007 to 2018. We would ask that you respond to this request as a matter of urgency in circumstances where judicial review proceedings are currently being drafted in respect of a related licence and for which this information is immediately required. Please be advised that that we have written to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with a similar request.	Grant