



Ashley Glover

By email to: aglover@gmail.com

18 January 2022

Re: FOI request, granting request [FOI-0062-2021]

Dear Mr Glover,

I refer to your request dated 22 December 2021 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, received on 22 December 2021, for records held by the Environmental Protection Agency. Your request sought:

-Membership

-Agendas of meetings

-Minutes of meetings

- Any reports submitted to the group, presented at meetings, or commissioned by the group, or presented by the group to third parties

for the following entity: EPA Land Evidence Review group

For the time period: from when the group took over from the group known as the National Land Cover and Habitat Mapping (NLCHM) Working Group (which appears from previous FOI to be sometime in early 2021)

I, Annette Cahalane, Programme Officer, has now made a final decision to grant your request on 18 January 2022.

Copies of the records are attached, including a copy of the schedule to these records.

Please note that **Records 12 and 13** will be sent to you separately once both documents are approved at a meeting on 26th January 2022. Also, I am to advise that the first phase of the *land use evidential review* is due to be completed at the end of March 2022. The location of the finished documents is to be confirmed but it is anticipated they will be published on a public website (perhaps the EPA's or one of DECC or DAFM's websites).

Regarding membership, an actual list of members of the Group is not kept in a separate record, however, members' names can be found in the minutes of the 2021 meetings. For your

information, I have listed here the organisations represented on the committee. They are: Geological Survey of Ireland; Ordnance Survey Ireland; Teagasc; Central Statistics Office; Office of the Planning Regulator; the Heritage Council; National Parks and Wildlife; the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine; the Department of Environment & Climate Change; the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage; the EPA.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit at foi@epa.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. In relation to an appeal regarding this decision there is a fee payable in the amount of €30. (There is a reduced fee of €10 euro available for medical card holders – proof is required).

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me at a.cahalane@epa.ie or (053) 9160600.

Yours sincerely,



Annette Cahalane

Decision Maker

EPA Office of Evidence and Assessment