

## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Wednesday 1 March 2023 12:05  
**To:** institute.mail@marine.ie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] opendata@agriculture.gov.ie  
**Subject:** Open Data Tracker [ticket #11107] - Accessing Data

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Sir/Madame,

A query/request had been posted on the **Open Data Tracker** some time ago by [REDACTED] a PhD Researcher in University College Cork, stating that although he was able to

“access the data provided by the SmartBay Ireland Cork Buoy Ocean Currents (ADCP). (However), when (he) click(ed) on the link to download, this website opens a new tab on my web browser, but this immediately closes and no files are downloaded. Could you please provide me with the \*.csv file”.

In the **Open Data Unit** we generally liaise between the person who has requested the data at the **Open Data Liaison Officer** of the appropriate department. However in mistakenly contacting the **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** in response to such query – I’d been informed that this matter would be in the remit of the **Marine Institute**. On such terms might you have access to the specific information that is being sought and is actually accessible/downloadable? If so, could you perhaps share such link with [REDACTED] – who can be reached at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard

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Open Data Unit (Government Reform)  
Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform  
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**From:** Opendata <Opendata@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 1 March 2023 11:32  
**To:** Richard Timmons (PER) <Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Tracker - Accessing Data

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Hi Richard,

The request below is not for this department. The Marine Institute would deal with such matters.

Regards,

Derek Peppard  
Corporate Affairs Division  
(Open Data)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER) <[Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie](mailto:Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 1 March 2023 10:51  
**To:** Opendata <[Opendata@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:Opendata@agriculture.gov.ie)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Open Data Tracker - Accessing Data

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As the listed Open Data Liaison Officer for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – had this query not respectfully been responded to, might you have access to such accessible/downloadable information and if so could you perhaps share it with [REDACTED] can be reached at [REDACTED]. Apologies [REDACTED] for the significant delay to this particular dataset request.

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**From:** Opendata  
**Sent:** Thursday 27 October 2022 12:06  
**To:** [info@smartbay.ie](mailto:info@smartbay.ie); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Open Data Tracker - Accessing Data  
New ticket: [\[Contact Form\]](#)[\[report-fault\]](#) Accessing Data

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Email:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Accessing Data  
**Category:** report-fault  
**Message:** Hi,

I am trying to access the data provided by the SmartBay Ireland Cork Buoy Ocean Currents (ADCP). However, when I click on the link to download, this website opens a new tab on my web

browser, but this immediately closes and no files are downloaded. Could you please provide me with the \*.csv file?

Regards,



<https://opendatatracker.cloud.gov.ie/Ticket/11107>



## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 29 March 2023 10:37  
**To:** Caoimhe Judge (PER)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Query - Swords

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No problem. Anytime.

Thank you,

Eileen

**From:** Caoimhe Judge (PER) <Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 29 March 2023 10:24  
**To:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Query - Swords

Hi Eileen,

Thanks so much for getting back to me on this it is much appreciated. I will forward the message onto Elaine.

All the best, Caoimhe

**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 29 March 2023 10:22  
**To:** Caoimhe Judge (PER) <Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** FW: Open Data Query - Swords

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Hi Caoimhe,

I hope you are keeping well too. Please see the answer to Elaine's query below.

If you require further details please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Eileen

**From:** Tony Dolan <T.Dolan@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 29 March 2023 09:38  
**To:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Cc:** Brendan Wall <b.wall@epa.ie>  
**Subject:** Open Data Query - Swords

Hi Eileen

Fingal Co Council generate noise monitoring data for North Co. Dublin including Swords.

This will mainly cover road and rail.

The Dublin agglomeration noise map (includes the 4 Dublin LAs) should be published sometime in April, but we are awaiting confirmation of the date.

For the airport, we are also expecting that the Round 4 strategic noise maps will be made available on the Dublin airport authority (daa) website in April.

I am waiting an update from the daa.

However, as the Round 4 noise mapping is based on 2021 data, then it won't include the new airport runway (which opened in Aug 2022).

Our understanding is that the Airport Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) should be publishing 2022 noise maps for the airport in the next few months, which should include the new airport runway.

<https://www.fingal.ie/news/anca-commences-review-aircraft-noise-dublin-airport>

So maybe Elaine could contact ANCA about these maps.

The EPA will also make the Round 4 strategic noise maps available in the one location - as for Round 3 where we used [EPA Maps](#). This work should be completed in Q2 – 2023.

Regards

Tony

**From:** Eileen Carroll <[E.Carroll@epa.ie](mailto:E.Carroll@epa.ie)>

**Sent:** Tuesday 28 March 2023 11:10

**To:** Tony Dolan <[T.Dolan@epa.ie](mailto:T.Dolan@epa.ie)>

**Subject:** FW: Open Data Query

Hi Tony,

Please see the email below from Open Data Unit which received a query about Noise. Would you be able to shine some light on the query?

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

Eileen

**From:** Caoimhe Judge (PER) <[Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie](mailto:Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie)>

**Sent:** Tuesday 28 March 2023 10:54

**To:** Eileen Carroll <[E.Carroll@epa.ie](mailto:E.Carroll@epa.ie)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Data Query

To whom it may concern,

I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by Elaine, who has been cc'd. In the Open Data Unit we generally liaise between the person who has requested the data and the Open Data Liaison Officer, or equivalent, of the appropriate department.

I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Elaine, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows,

"Hello

When will the noise monitoring data be available for county Dublin specifically Swords?

Thanks  
Elaine”

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

All the best,

Caoimhe Judge

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*Tá an fhaisnéis atá sa ríomhphost seo (agus in aon cheangaltáin) faoi rún agus is don fhaighteoir/do na faighteoirí beartaithe é agus é/iad sin amháin. Mura tusa an faighteoir beartaithe, níor cheart duit an teachtaireacht seo ná aon chuid di a úsáid, a nochtadh, a chóipeáil, a dháileadh ná a choinneáil. Sa chás gur trí earráid a fuair tú an ríomhphost seo, tabhair fógra dom láithreach faoi sin agus scríos gach cóip den ríomhphost seo ó do ríomhchóra(i)s. Tabhair faoi deara go bhféadfaidh an ríomhphost seo agus aon fhreagra air bheith faoi réir iarraidh ar a eisiúint de bhun an Achta um Shaoráil Faisnéise*



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**Sent:** Wednesday 1 March 2023 10:51  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

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Apologies [REDACTED] for the significant delay to this particular dataset request.

Kind regards,  
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**From:** Opendata  
**Sent:** Thursday 27 October 2022 12:06  
**To:** info@smartbay.ie; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Open Data Tracker - Accessing Data  
New ticket: [\[Contact Form\]](#)[\[report-fault\]](#) **Accessing Data**

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Email:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Accessing Data  
**Category:** report-fault  
**Message:** Hi,

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Regards,



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## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Caoimhe Judge (PER)  
**Sent:** Monday 20 March 2023 12:13  
**To:** opendata@agriculture.gov.ie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

To whom it may concern,

I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by [REDACTED] who has been cc'd. In the Open Data Unit we generally liaise between the person who has requested the data and the Open Data Liaison Officer of the appropriate department.

I am reaching out to you to see if you might have further information on this request.

The query is as follows:

*"Dear Sir/Madam,*

*I was wondering if by any chance you had, and if you could please provide me with the contact emails of the Veterinary practitioners in Ireland?*

*I am aware that the Veterinary Council does not give out such emails, but I found at least one gov.ie source that does, in the link here: <https://assets.gov.ie/96708/2e2b0fba-655d-41bb-a1db-5326a7ec0fae.xlsx>*

*The above is precisely what I am looking for, though if possible for all Veterinary practitioners in the country. Thank you in advance, it will assist my local community group in caring for animals"*

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

All the best,

Caoimhe Judge



## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Monday 27 February 2023 10:52  
**To:** opendata@agriculture.gov.ie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Data Portal ticket [#11492] - 'Data request agricultural vehicles'

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Sir/Madame,

A [query](#) has been posted on the Open Data Tracker regarding data for agricultural vehicles, requesting “an analysis of the agricultural machinery (especially tractors) currently registered in Ireland.” As Open Data Liaison Officers for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine might you be able to provide [REDACTED] with the data being sought in the query/request?.

[REDACTED] the aforementioned person seeking such information – can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard

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27/02/2023 10:33:50 [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Data request agricultural vehicles  
Category: ask-question  
Message: Good afternoon,

On your website I read that evaluations and data can be requested from you. I would like to make use of this service and would like to request data or an analysis from you:

Could you please provide us with an analysis of the agricultural machinery (especially tractors) currently registered in Ireland, i.e. all currently registered vehicles?

Of course, we are not interested in all the information on every single vehicle.  
We only need the following information in an evaluation: make of the vehicle - class of the vehicle - type of the vehicle - number of vehicles of this type.

An example would be: Brand: Fendt - Vehicle class: 400 - Type: Vario - Number: 2,000 STK.  
This would therefore mean that 2000 STK Fendt 400 Vario are currently registered in Ireland.

However, we are also happy to accept raw data and evaluate it ourselves, depending on what would be easiest for you. Can you provide us with the requested data? If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attached you find an example of the information we would like to receive.

Thank you in advance and best regards



**Caoimhe Judge (PER)**

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Monday 27 February 2023 15:15  
**To:** hugh.mangan@osi.ie; digitals@osi.ie  
**Subject:** Open Data Portal data request [#11493] - Townland Maps

Hi Hugh,

An Open Data Portal user has let us know that they are seeking a source to gather townland maps for a personal project. As the Open Data Liaison Officer for Ordnance Survey Ireland might you be able to provide a link to such requested data? It would be much appreciated if you could assist [REDACTED] with accessing such data that is being sought or send this email on to somebody more specific in your department or elsewhere who may be of more appropriate assistance in this particular request. [REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard

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On 27/02/2023 11:52:06 [REDACTED] wrote:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Townland Maps  
Category: ask-question  
Message: Hello,

I am starting a project to record field names in my parish. Can you let me know where I can get townland maps so that I can number the fields for identification please.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Townland Maps  
Category: ask-question  
Message: Hello,

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townland maps so that I can number the fields for identification please.

Many thanks,



## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Monday 6 March 2023 11:18  
**To:** hugh.mangan@osi.ie; digitals@osi.ie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** \*Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

Hi Hugh,

An Open Data Portal user has let us know that they are “trying to download the Shapefile from this page but the link is broken”.

[https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package_type=dataset)

As the Open Data Liaison Officer for Ordnance Survey Ireland it would be much appreciated if you could assist [REDACTED] with accessing a functioning link to access such data that is being sought or send this email on to somebody more specific in your department who may be of more appropriate assistance in this particular request.

[REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard  
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Hi [REDACTED]

My apologies for having featured the incorrect email address in the email sent to the OSI, the correct one has now been included.

Kind regards,  
Richard



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday 6 March 2023 11:05  
**To:** Richard Timmons (PER) <Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie>; hugh.mangan@osi.ie; digitals@osi.ie  
**Subject:** Re: Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

Hi Richard

I believe thats someone elses email address.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED] BSc (Hons) Comp and IT, LCOI, CUA, CUG

Compliance and IT Manager



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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER) <[Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie](mailto:Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie)>  
**Sent:** 06 March 2023 10:39  
**To:** [hugh.mangan@osi.ie](mailto:hugh.mangan@osi.ie) <[hugh.mangan@osi.ie](mailto:hugh.mangan@osi.ie)>; [digitals@osi.ie](mailto:digitals@osi.ie) <[digitals@osi.ie](mailto:digitals@osi.ie)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
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On 06/03/2023 09:38:50 [REDACTED] wrote:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Broken links  
Category: report-fault  
Message: I am trying to download the Shapefile from this page but the link is broken

[https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package_type=dataset)

I get the following error

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{"errors":[{"title":"Invalid Request","status":400,"message":"Bad request: unsupported item type"}],"meta":{}}
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## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Wednesday 8 February 2023 16:19  
**To:** hugh.mangan@osi.ie; digitals@osi.ie  
**Subject:** Open Data Tracker ticket [#11397] - 'Wrong mapping on Caves Marsh Malahide SAC'

Hi Hugh,

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by a [REDACTED] before receiving a call from him to express the message below;

“Dear Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you as I have just discovered a fault in your mapping at Caves Marsh Malahide. The fault is that you have left out the areas within Caves Marsh one at the South end and one at the North end. The South end boundary of Caves Marsh should run up to the Old Yellow Walls graveyard, and not finish at a recent development sewer pipe outfall. The North end of Caves Marsh runs to the Broadmeadow Estuary, for some reason your mapping department has stopped short in both areas. I would ask that you review this most important wildlife area. Please check our Ordnance map that may help you understand my comments. Regards [REDACTED]

As the Open Data Liaison Officer for Ordnance Survey Ireland could I request that you assess the specific Ordnance map of the particular are as requested, or share this message with an alternative source who could attest to this predicament.

[REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard

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On 08/02/2023 15:47:18 [REDACTED] com wrote:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Wrong mapping on Caves Marsh Malahide SAC  
Category: report-fault

Message: Dear Sir/Madam, I am contacting you as I have just discovered a fault in your mapping at Caves Marsh Malahide. The fault is that you have left out the areas within Caves Marsh one at the South end and one at the North end. The South end boundary of Caves Marsh should run up to the Old Yellow Walls graveyard, and not finish at a recent development sewer pipe outfall. The North end of Caves Marsh runs to the Broadmeadow Estuary, for some reason your mapping department has stopped short in both areas. I would ask that you review this most important wildlife area. Please check our Ordnance map that may help you understand my comments. Regards [REDACTED]

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## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER)  
**Sent:** Tuesday 7 March 2023 09:46  
**To:** Caoimhe Judge (PER)  
**Subject:** OSI change of name/ODLO's email address  
**Attachments:** Open Data Liason Officer - ODLO email addresses.docx

Hey Caoimhe,

I don't necessarily believe that it'd be in an **essential**/*'need to know'* status... wait, scratch that, **we should** know... I'd mentioned to you earlier that I'd learned in a response from the OSI's ODLO that **Ordnance Survey Ireland** merged with the property **Registration Authority** and the **Valuation Office** to form **Tailte Éireann** – so that ODLO's email has been adapted "**@tailte.ie**", as visible the attached, updated ODLO master contacts list. Just thought you too *might* like to know a little more about this new state body... see the link below <https://www.lawsociety.ie/gazette/top-stories/2023/march/tailte-eireann-officially-begins-operations>

Kind regards,  
Richard



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**Sent:** 06 March 2023 12:24  
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**Cc:** Opendataofficer <[Opendataofficer@osi.ie](mailto:Opendataofficer@osi.ie)>  
**Subject:** RE: \*Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

Hello both,

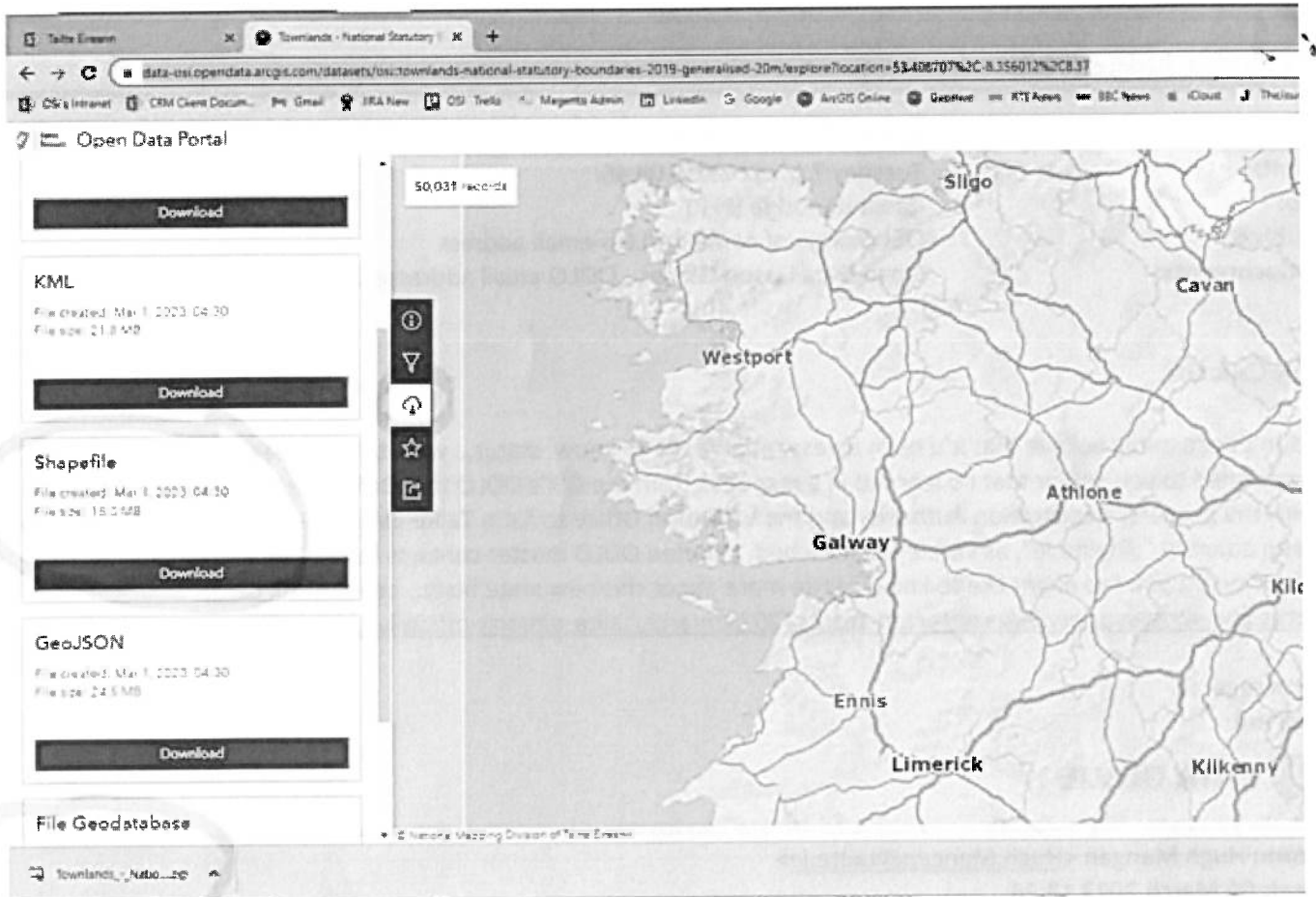
Last week, Ordnance Survey Ireland merged with the property Registration Authority and the Valuation Office to form Tailte Éireann, a new state body. Hence the "**@tailte.ie**" email address. Previous "**@osi.ie**" email addresses still work and are being re-directed.

Thank you for the alert below. We will investigate the broken link on the data.gov.ie site.

The same data is available from our own Open Data Portal and I can confirm that the download links work from that site.

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<https://data-osi.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/osi::townlands-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m/explore?location=53.404464%2C-8.356012%2C8.37>



Thanks, Hugh

**Hugh Mangan**

*General Manager, Business & Services*  
National Mapping Division

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**From:** Richard Timmons (PER) <[Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie](mailto:Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie)>

**Sent:** Monday 6 March 2023 11:18

**To:** Hugh Mangan <[Hugh.Mangan@tailte.ie](mailto:Hugh.Mangan@tailte.ie)>; Digital Sales <[Digital.Sales@osi.ie](mailto:Digital.Sales@osi.ie)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** \*Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

Hi Hugh,

An Open Data Portal user has let us know that they are “trying to download the Shapefile from this page but the link is broken”.

[https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-2019-generalised-20m1?package_type=dataset)

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specific in your department who may be of more appropriate assistance in this particular request.

[REDACTED] can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,  
Richard  
Richard Timmons  
Open Data Unit (Government Reform)  
Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform  
7-9 Merrion Row  
Dublin 2



Hi John,

My apologies for having featured the incorrect email address in the email sent to the OSI, the correct one has now been included.

Kind regards,  
Richard



**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday 6 March 2023 11:05

**To:** Richard Timmons (PER) <[Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie](mailto:Richard.Timmons@per.gov.ie)>; [hugh.mangan@osi.ie](mailto:hugh.mangan@osi.ie); [digitals@osi.ie](mailto:digitals@osi.ie)

**Subject:** Re: Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

Hi Richard

I believe thats someone elses email address.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]



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**Sent:** 06 March 2023 10:39

**To:** [hugh.mangan@osi.ie](mailto:hugh.mangan@osi.ie) <[hugh.mangan@osi.ie](mailto:hugh.mangan@osi.ie)>; [digitals@osi.ie](mailto:digitals@osi.ie) <[digitals@osi.ie](mailto:digitals@osi.ie)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Open Data Portal [#11515] - Broken links

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Richard Timmons

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----- Forwarded message -----

On 06/03/2023 09:38:50 [REDACTED] wrote:

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Broken links

Category: report-fault

Message: I am trying to download the Shapefile from this page but the link is broken

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I get the following error

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{"errors":[{"title":"Invalid Request","status":400,"message":"Bad request: unsupported item type"},"meta":{}}
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The following information is important:

The Property Registration Authority, Valuation Office, and Ordnance Survey Ireland will merge to form Tailte Éireann, a new land, property and location information agency. The merger process will not affect existing services, and business will continue as usual. [www.tailte.ie](http://www.tailte.ie), the new website, will provide on-going updates and information on registration, valuation, and surveying services.

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Go raibh maith agat.



## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Helena Campbell (PER)  
**Sent:** Tuesday 20 June 2023 14:57  
**To:** Eileen Carroll; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Caoimhe Judge (PER); Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Subject:** RE: Issues harvesting dataset to data.gov.ie

Hi Eileen

That's no problem, thanks for letting me know.

As of this afternoon, I can see 411 EPA datasets on the portal, but the EPA doesn't feature on our list of harvesters, is this correct?

[REDACTED] is the first line of defence regarding the integrity of the portal, so please contact him or his project manager, Anjana, with the details of any technical issues, but if you don't mind, keep Caoimhe and Fiachra in the loop.

Kind regards

Helena

**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 20 June 2023 14:37  
**To:** Helena Campbell (PER) <Helena.Campbell@per.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** Issues harvesting dataset to data.gov.ie

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Hi Helena,

Apologies for sending another email. I have noticed that a number of our datasets are not harvesting to data.gov.ie. I was wondering who would be the best person to contact in your office to help solve this issue?.

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards,  
Eileen

Eileen Carroll  
Programme Officer, I ICT Team  
Office of Communications and Corporate Services, Wexford  
Oifigeach Cláir I TFC  
An Oifig Cumarsáide agus Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Loch Garman



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## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 28 April 2023 17:14  
**To:** Caoimhe Judge (PER); Data Queries  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Query

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Hi Caoimhe and Nicolas,

The EPA would recommend contacting the Geological Survey of Ireland to see if they can facilitate the data request directly or review their API.

<https://www.gsi.ie/en-ie/more-on-us/contact-us/Pages/default.aspx>

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,  
Eileen

**From:** Caoimhe Judge (PER) <Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 24 April 2023 09:22  
**To:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>; Data Queries <D.Queries@epa.ie>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

To whom it may concern,

I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by [REDACTED] who has been cc'd.

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I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Nicolas, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am doing research on groundwater level using data from many countries around the world. I am writing to inquire about the possibility of accessing historical groundwater level data for boreholes through the GSI API. Until now, I couldn't extract data in json,xml or csv format in an automated web. The websites I am using to see data online are <https://gwlevel.ie/> and <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/hydronet/#Groundwater> but I have not succeed it using the API to get the data without the need of downloading the data manually.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with information on how to access this data through the GSI API

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

All the best,

Caoimhe Judge

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## Caoimhe Judge (PER)

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**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 25 April 2023 10:06  
**To:** Caoimhe Judge (PER); Data Queries  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Query

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Good Morning Caoimhe,

I have logged a call with our GIS team and I will let you know the outcome over the next couple of days.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Eileen

**From:** Caoimhe Judge (PER) <Caoimhe.Judge@per.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 24 April 2023 09:22  
**To:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>; Data Queries <D.Queries@epa.ie>  
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All the best,

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## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 1 August 2023 11:03  
**To:** Eamonn Clinton  
**Cc:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [TAGGED] Re: Open Data Query

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Thanks Eamonn, we will do and let you know if we come across anything.

Best,  
Frank

On Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM Eamonn Clinton <[Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie](mailto:Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie)> wrote:

Hi Frank,

Have a look around in either portal but if you are not seeing the data you need let me know and I can get our product delivery side to send it directly to you.

Thanks

Éamonn

**Éamonn Clinton**

General Manager, Geospatial Services, Data Governance & Quality

**National Mapping Division**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 August 2023 10:57  
**To:** Eamonn Clinton <[Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie](mailto:Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie)>  
**Cc:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER) <[Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie](mailto:Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie)>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [TAGGED] Re: Open Data Query

Hi Eamonn,

Thanks very much for getting back to me. We'll take a look at these datasets.

Best Wishes,  
Frank

On Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 10:53 AM Eamonn Clinton <[Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie](mailto:Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie)> wrote:

Hi Frank,

My apologies I was out of the office.

The data is available from:

<https://www.geohive.ie/datasets/osi::local-electoral-areas-boundaries-ungeneralised-national-administrative-boundaries-2015/explore>

Or

<https://data-osi.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/osi::local-electoral-areas-national-statutory-boundaries-2019/explore>

I will get one of our guys to investigate the broken link on [data.gov.ie](https://data.gov.ie)

Thanks and apologies again,

Éamonn

**Éamonn Clinton**

General Manager, Geospatial Services, Data Governance & Quality

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2023 12:34  
**To:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER) <[Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie](mailto:Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie)>  
**Cc:** Eamonn Clinton <[Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie](mailto:Eamonn.Clinton@tailte.ie)>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [TAGGED] Re: Open Data Query

Hi Fiachra,

I hope you had a lovely weekend. I'm following up on this, are you and Eamonn able to help us with this request?

Best Wishes,

Frank

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:38 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Fiachra,

Thanks very much for connecting me with Eamonn. Eamonn, I appreciate your help on this and look forward to your response.

I'm copying in a couple of my colleagues as I am on annual leave next week and they can respond in my absence.

Best Wishes,

Frank

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM Fiachra Cumiskey (PER) <[Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie](mailto:Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie)> wrote:

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The query is as follows:

“Hi there,

I'm getting in touch to ask if you could point me in the direction of the open source mapping data for Ireland which includes place names, local authority boundaries and ward boundaries, in Geojson format. I've located this file: <https://data.gov.ie/dataset/local-authority-boundary>

However apparently the page is throwing error messages so I wondered if there is some website maintenance going on, or if I am looking in the wrong place for the datasets requested above?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Best Wishes,

Frank”

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Fiachra

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Fiachra Cumiskey

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## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Sent:** Tuesday 12 September 2023 09:25  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Hugh.Mangan@tailte.ie; digitals@tailte.ie  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

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Hi all,

I hope you are keeping well.

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The query is as follows:

"I am trying to download the

### Roads - OSi National 250k Map Of Ireland

Using the below site but I am getting an error message, can you help me access the shapefile for this?

<https://data.gov.ie/dataset/roads-osi-national-250k-map-of-ireland5/resource/f1eb1327-c74d-4456-98ad-e74697c5b575>

Regards

[REDACTED]

"

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Fiachra



## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
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A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by [REDACTED] who has been cc'd.

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I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with [REDACTED] it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"Hi,  
It looks like there is something wrong with the server when trying to download Townland and county boundaries shapefile from links below.

[https://data.gov.ie/dataset/counties-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-20191?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/counties-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-20191?package_type=dataset)  
[https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-20191?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/townlands-osi-national-statutory-boundaries-20191?package_type=dataset)

Kind regards,"

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Fiachra



## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Sent:** Wednesday 16 August 2023 09:05  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; E.Carroll@epa.ie; D.Queries@epa.ie; S.BOWE@epa.ie  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

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Hi all,  
I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by Ian who has been cc'd.

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I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Ian, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"Hello, I'm having some issues with the Peat Extraction Boundaries data set, and getting a response from the EPA. As currently listed on data.gov.ie the set is a WMS map where I can see the boundaries but none of their info ([https://data.gov.ie/dataset/licensed-peat-extraction-installation-boundary?package\\_type=dataset](https://data.gov.ie/dataset/licensed-peat-extraction-installation-boundary?package_type=dataset)). I've tried downloading the set from your other resources such as the geoportal but have had similar luck. Additionally, when I bring that WMS map into GIS it seems to leave off data in the South-West of the country (Kerry, Cork, etc.), even though I can see it in the preview on data.gov. It would be great to have this information better available, but as of yet I've been completely unable to get any response from the EPA on the matter for the past 3 weeks. I'm aware it's the summer holidays so it's possible that everyone is out, but I thought I'd raise the issue here none-the-less. Thank you so much!"

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,  
Fiachra



## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Sent:** Wednesday 13 December 2023 14:09  
**To:** 'opendata@agriculture.gov.ie'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Data Query  
**Attachments:** 14040.jpg; IMG\_2439.jpg

Hi,  
I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by Fiona who has been cc'd.

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I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Fiona, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"Hi Fiachra, I wonder if you help us? My son is doing a project for his leaving cert economics and we are hitting a wall in terms of certain data. I was wondering if you might be able to help us in relation to the tax elements please? [REDACTED] We'd be incredibly grateful - it's harder to get than you might imagine. I've written a list of data we are unable to find and, if you could help us with any of it, it would be of enormous assistance to him (and my headache 😊😊😊). I'm on [REDACTED] if you need to reach me. :) Fiona"

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.  
Kind regards,  
Fiachra

Kind regards

Fiachra

Fiachra Cumiskey  
Clerical Officer of the Open Data Unit  
Public Service Transformation Policy  
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## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Sent:** Monday 11 December 2023 12:47  
**To:** E.Carroll@epa.ie  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

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I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by Mutlu who has been cc'd.

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I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Mutlu, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"Dear EPA/Open data:

I am writing to inquire about how to download several open datasets that are available for visualization on the EPA mapping platform. I am particularly interested in water quality data at the water body (i.e lake) level that are given in the link below but only as a pdf report. Is it possible to access the underlying tabular data?

<https://www.epa.ie/publications/monitoring--assessment/freshwater--marine/Water-Quality-2022-Indicator-Report-Web.pdf>

I am also interested downloading Ecological Indicators datasets including:

- Natural Heritage Areas
- Nutrient Sensitive Areas (both lakes/estuaries and rivers)
- Salmonid River Regs
- S.P.A
- S.A.C

Once again, while these datasets can be visualized on the EPA mapping platform, I am not sure how to download these data as GIS formatted files.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,  
Fiachra

Kind regards

Fiachra

Fiachra Cumiskey

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## Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)

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**From:** Niall McCall <Niall.McCall@tailte.ie> on behalf of Digital Sales  
<Digital.Sales@tailte.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 12 September 2023 14:44  
**To:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Data Query

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Hi Fiachra,

This is actually due to an ongoing issue with data.gov.ie. We've contacted Derelinx (they manage data.gov.ie) on a number of occasions to try and get it resolved but the issue still persists. We're not the only organisation affected by it.

Both users can access the datasets directly from our own Open Data Portal at the links below:

- Counties – National Statutory Boundaries – 2019: <https://data-osi.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/osi::counties-national-statutory-boundaries-2019/about>
- Townlands – National Statutory Boundaries – 2019: <https://data-osi.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/osi::townlands-national-statutory-boundaries-2019/about>
- Roads - OSi National 250k Map Of Ireland: <https://data-osi.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/osi::roads-national-250k-map-of-ireland/about>

Regards,

**Niall McCall**

*Senior Corporate Supply GIS Technician*

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**From:** Fiachra Cumiskey (PER) <Fiachra.Cumiskey@per.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 12 September 2023 09:25  
**Cc:** [REDACTED], Hugh Mangan <Hugh.Mangan@tailte.ie>; Digital Sales <Digital.Sales@tailte.ie>  
**Subject:** Open Data Query

Hi all,

I hope you are keeping well.

A query has been posted on the Open Data Tracker by Niall who has been cc'd.

In the Open Data Unit we generally liaise between the person who has requested the data and the Open Data Liaison Officer, or equivalent, of the appropriate department.

I am reaching out to you to see if you might have access to the specific information that is being sought. If so, could you perhaps share such information with Niall, it would be much appreciated.

The query is as follows:

"I am trying to download the

## **Roads - OSi National 250k Map Of Ireland**

Using the below site but I am getting an error message, can you help me access the shapefile for this?

<https://data.gov.ie/dataset/roads-osi-national-250k-map-of-ireland5/resource/f1eb1327-c74d-4456-98ad-e74697c5b575>

Regards

Niall

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If you have any further questions, or if I can be of any more assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Fiachra

## Jason Sherlock (PER)

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**From:** Fitzgerald, Barry <Barry.Fitzgerald@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 17 April 2023 11:39  
**To:** Paul D Fitzpatrick (OGCIO); Helena Campbell (PER)  
**Subject:** Appeal Commissioner's Final Decision on RPSI.22.05  
**Attachments:** AppealCommissionerDecisionRPSI.22.05.pdf

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Hi,

We need some advice on the first decision of the OIC that has been received here under the Open Data regulations. The Requester had sought publication of certain "documents" and which was refused on various grounds.

We have received requests for the publication of documents as opposed to datasets. How do we propose to accede to these requests?

From my reading of the Directive:

1. Datasets are a subset of documents, as they are a specific form of structured information that is held by public sector bodies. While not all documents are datasets, all datasets are considered documents under the Directive.
2. Datasets are required to be made available in a machine-readable format, while there is no specific requirement for documents to be provided in a machine-readable format.

Is this your reading too? We have a meeting today and would like clarification?

Kind regards,

Barry

**Barry Fitzgerald MSc**  
*Senior ICT Specialist,  
Data Analytics Unit,  
Information Security Division*

**Ardoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin**  
Higher Executive Officer

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## Case RPSI/22/05

Decision of the Information Commissioner in his capacity as Appeal Commissioner on an appeal made under Regulation 12 of the European Union (Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information) Regulations 2021 (the Regulations)

**Appellant:**



**Public Sector Body:** Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (the Department)

**Issue:** Whether the Department's decision to refuse the appellant's request for re-use of EIA screenings for felling licences was in compliance with the Regulations

**Decision:** The Appeal Commissioner found that the Department had not made a proper decision under the Regulations. He annulled the decision and directed the Department to consider the request again in accordance with the Regulations.

**Right of Appeal:** A party to this appeal or any other person affected by this decision may appeal this decision to the High Court on a point of law from the decision, as set out in Regulation 20 of the Regulations. Such an appeal must be initiated not later than eight weeks after notice of this decision was given to the person bringing the appeal.

### **Open Data**

The concept of Open Data is about making data held by public bodies available, and easily accessible online, for reuse and redistribution. The Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information Directive (Directive (EU) 2019/1024) of 20 June 2019 (the Directive) came into operation in Ireland on 22 July 2021, further to the provisions of Statutory Instrument No. 376/2021 (the Regulations). Similar to previous legislation, which was revoked, the new laws provide for the making of requests for the re-use of public sector information. However, the Regulations now also require public bodies and certain public undertakings to publish data in free and open formats.

As Information Commissioner, I am the designated “Appeal Commissioner” under the Regulations insofar as requests for re-use of records are concerned. Regulation 17 provides that, on receipt of a valid request for an appeal under the Regulations, I must carry out a review, further to which I may decide to affirm, vary or annul the decision under review.

### **Background to review**

At the outset, I regret the delay in finalising this review. It took longer than I would have liked due to the volume of work in the Office of the Information Commissioner and the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information in recent months.

On 12 May 2022, the appellant made an application for re-use of “all EIA Screenings for felling licences on iFORIS held by the Forest Service of [the Department] not otherwise published on the Forest Licence Viewer.” He said that the “right of access to these documents is already established and they should be being actively disseminated.” The Department’s decision of 8 July 2022 refused the request.

On 11 July 2022, the appellant appealed the Department’s decision to my Office. In the course of my review, I have considered the above exchanges and further correspondence between the Office and the Department. I have decided to conclude the review by way of a final, binding decision.

### **Scope of review**

Regulation 15 provides a right of appeal against certain decisions by a public sector body, including a decision to refuse to allow a requester to re-use a document. Accordingly, this review is solely concerned with whether the Department’s refusal of the appellant’s request for re-use of records was in compliance with the Regulations.

The appellant offers to provide examples of records covered by his request, which he says he obtained under AIE. This appears to be in the context of why I should direct the Department to grant his request for re-use of other documents covered by the request. He does not, for instance, argue that he should be given a more open format of the records already in his possession.

The appellant also says that the Department did not notify him of a date by which to expect a decision. However, the legislation does not provide for the review of a body’s compliance

with the administrative requirements of the Regulations. Therefore, this review does not extend to examining the Department's handling of the request.

## **Analysis and Findings**

### **The Department's position**

The Department's decision says that the appellant had "... requested ... [a] copy of all EIA Screening Reports (iFORIS) for felling licences issued by DAFM in 2022 which have not been published on the Forest Licence Viewer." It says that it had decided "to refuse access to the information sought as the release of the data in question is protected by law under the European Union (Open Data and Re-Use of Public Sector Information) Regulations 2021".

The decision also says that:

- a request for "procedural information", such as that requested, does not further the Directive's overall objective to continue the strengthening of the EU's data economy.
- data made available for re-use in an open format must be linked to the national open data portal (data.gov.ie). It said that, because data relevant to Forestry Licencing is already available on the Department's Forestry Licence Viewer, "this request, made under Open Data, is not applicable".
- article 3(2)(ii) of the Regulations provides that the legislation does not apply to documents which are part of administrative practice but where the overall process is subject to review, such as the Forestry licencing system.

The Department's decision lists factors in favour of releasing and withholding the records "(if they exist at all)" and says that "on balance, the public interest in this case is best served by withholding this information". In particular, it says, in favour of withholding the information, that "the documents do not exist in most cases and are not required in any case for the processing of the licences in question. As regards afforestation, forest road building and deforestation, these are Annex 2 activities under the EIA Directive. The Forestry Appeals Committee have supported the Department's view that thinning, felling and replanting is not covered under the EIA Directive and an EIA screening is therefore not required. "

Finally, while its correspondence with this Office appears to question whether relevant records exist, the Department also suggests that number of records involved might be "very voluminous".

### **The appellant's position**

The appellant says that the Directive/Regulations apply to his request. He says that the Department does not explain how the records are protected under law, or why Regulation 3(2) is relevant.

The appellant says that the records are not protected by law, and that, to the contrary, they are required to be made available under law (i.e. the EIA Directive). He says that, since the

“full body of information that is the subject of my request has not previously been made publicly available, it falls to be made available on request.” He refers to similar data that he says the Department routinely publishes in relation to afforestation and forest road licences, but not for felling licences.

The appellant says that the Regulations do not provide for the consideration of the public interest and that it is already established under AIE legislation that information of the type requested falls to be released.

### **Analysis**

At the outset, it is important to note that I have no role in seeking to require the Department to comply with the publication requirements of environmental or of any other legislation, or in determining what steps a body is required to take when performing its duties.

Regulation 6(5)(a) provides that where a request for reuse is refused, the public body “shall communicate the grounds for refusal to the requester, in particular and where appropriate by reference to the matters contained in Regulation 3(2)(a) to (h) or Regulation 5.”

The Department contends that the requested information (which it describes incorrectly) is “protected by law” under the Regulations. It does not, however, set out the grounds for refusal by reference to Regulation 3(2)(a) to (h), or Regulation 5, as required by the Regulations. This means that the appellant does not have sufficient explanation for the refusal of his request, which runs contrary to the tenets of procedural fairness that underpin decision making by public bodies.

By setting out the factors in favour of withholding the information and releasing it, the Department appears to carry out what is generally known as a public interest balancing test. However, as set out already, the Directive and Regulations provide for the publication of data in an open format and for the making of requests for the re-use of particular documents. As detailed further below, they are not an access regime and they do not provide for the protection of records. Neither do they require consideration of the public interest in deciding on a request for re-use, or indeed the apparent merits of any request.

While the Department also contends that the Regulations do not apply to the records, it gives no basis for this position. It refers to the separate process by which bodies are expected to publish open data further to the Directive. It does not explain why the availability of certain licencing information on the Forestry Licence Viewer generally precludes the making of a request for the re-use of that or related information.

Furthermore, the Department does not explain why it appears to believe that Article 3(2) of the Regulations is relevant to the request, other than to assert that this provision is concerned with administrative records. I note that Article 3(2)(a) of the Regulations (which transposes Article 1(2)(a) of the Directive) is concerned with, inter alia, documents “the supply of which is an activity falling outside the scope of the public task of the public sector body ...”.

The Directive lays down an obligation for Member States to make all existing documents re-usable unless access is restricted or excluded under national rules on access to documents or subject to the other exceptions laid down within the Directive. This Directive builds on the existing access regimes in the Member States and does not change the national rules for access to documents. In other words, a right of access to a document is an essential precursor to the right to re-use such a document. Furthermore, in addition to records that a body may make available under an access request, it seems to me that a request for re-use may be made for a published document, or a document that a body is willing to disclose outside of an access regime, for instance.

It does not appear that the Department has already published the records that the appellant has requested for re-use, or that it is willing to disclose them outside of any access regime. Rather, the appellant specifies that he is seeking the re-use of documents to which he asserts he has an established right of access. The Department neither accepts this assertion nor refers to any decision by an appropriate appeal body, which finds that the records are protected under an access regime. Indeed, the Department appears not to have identified whether relevant records exist or the number involved.

My powers as Appeals Commissioner do not extend to determining whether access to the records sought for re-use would be excluded or restricted under any access regimes. This (and/or the extent to which relevant records exist or are voluminous) is for the Department to consider under the relevant legislation. Such a decision would be subject to a right of appeal under that legislation, either to this Office or to the relevant prescribed forum.

It should be noted that a right of access to a particular record does not of itself arise from a body's past publication of the same type of record (or from a body's grant of access to the same type of record under an access regime). However, these may be relevant factors in considering whether to grant an access request.

In all of the circumstances, I am not satisfied that the Department has made a proper decision on the appellant's request. Therefore, I have decided to annul the Department's decision and to direct it to make a fresh decision on the request in accordance with the Regulations. As a first step, the Department should assess whether the request is an access request (in which case it should be processed accordingly) or a valid request for re-use under the Regulations.

### **Decision**

In accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the Regulations, I have reviewed the Department's decision on the appellant's request. I find that the Department's decision is not in accordance with the Regulations. I annul the Department's decision and I direct it to make a new decision on the request further to the Regulations.

**Right of Appeal**

A party to this appeal or any other person affected by this decision may appeal this decision to the High Court on a point of law from the decision, as set out in Regulation 20 of the Regulations. Such an appeal must be initiated not later than eight weeks after notice of this decision was given to the person bringing the appeal.



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Ger Deering  
Information Commissioner  
29 March 2023

## Jason Sherlock (PER)

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**From:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 4 August 2023 13:51  
**To:** Helena Campbell (PER)  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptance Email to Public Body - Our Reference: RPSI/23/05  
**Attachments:** RPSI Appeal - Our Reference RPSI 23.05.pdf

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Hi Helena,

I hope you are keeping well. Please see the letter attached from OIC. Would you have some free time just to discuss the letter before the investigating Officer is assigned to the appeal?

Kind regards,

Eileen

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**From:** Data Queries <D.Queries@epa.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 12 July 2023 16:06  
**To:** Eileen Carroll <E.Carroll@epa.ie>  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptance Email to Public Body - Our Reference: RPSI/23/05

**From:** OIC OIC <[info@oic.ie](mailto:info@oic.ie)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 11 July 2023 11:54  
**To:** Data Queries <[D.Queries@epa.ie](mailto:D.Queries@epa.ie)>  
**Subject:** RE: Acceptance Email to Public Body - Our Reference: RPSI/23/05

Hi Eileen,

Apologies, please now find a copy of the appeal attached.

Regards,

Bernie Kelly  
01 6395657

**From:** Data Queries [<mailto:D.Queries@epa.ie>]  
**Sent:** Monday 10 July 2023 21:59  
**To:** OIC OIC <[info@oic.ie](mailto:info@oic.ie)>  
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Hi Bernie,

Thank you for your email. I think the email is missing the copy of the appeal? Maybe I am missing it.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Eileen

**From:** OIC OIC <[info@oic.ie](mailto:info@oic.ie)>  
**Sent:** Monday 10 July 2023 13:31  
**To:** Data Queries <[D.Queries@epa.ie](mailto:D.Queries@epa.ie)>  
**Subject:** Acceptance Email to Public Body - Our Reference: RPSI/23/05

Our Reference: RPSI/23/05  
Your Reference: ODR - 004

10 July 2023

RPSI Liaison Officer  
[D.Queries@epa.ie](mailto:D.Queries@epa.ie)

**Re: Appeal under the European Union (Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information) Regulations 2021 (the Open Data Regulations)**

Dear RPSI Liaison Officer,

The Information Commissioner has received an appeal from Right To Know of the decision of the EPA on their request for re-use.

Having considered the matter, the Commissioner has decided to accept the appeal. A copy of the appeal is included with this letter.

The appeal will be assigned to an investigating officer who will be in touch with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Kelly  
Office of the Information Commissioner

01 6395657



**From:** Right To Know <[requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 21 June 2023 17:13  
**To:** OIC Shared Mailbox <[info@oic.ie](mailto:info@oic.ie)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Final Decision of Open Data Request ODR - 004

Please pass for appeal under Open Data

- 1) EPA are adding a 30 day lag to public release, which means that an applicant would always need to visit an EPA office to see more recent environmental licencing and enforcement records. There are only three EPA offices with access terminals and these are locked down, and print only, users cannot export/email and save records.
- 2) The LEAP Database has no API which means a user is required to search all licences by licence number to see records added in a given timeframe. This is a huge job, and means that a user cannot spot newly added records.
- 3) The LEAP Database is in a format that prevents reuse, eg you cannot search all 2023 non compliances in licensed pig farms, as you can't identify which licences are pig farms, export all the licence documents for those pig farms and search within them for non compliances. The EPA system forces the user to search by licence, which is not open data. There is no way to tell when a record is added to a licence, or if/when a record is changed
- 4) There is no bulk download option

For context:

The Open Data Directive mandates the release of public sector data in free and open formats. The Directive (full title is the Open Data and re-use of Public Sector information Directive) **(EU) 2019/1024** was transposed into Irish law by **SI 376/2021** on July 22nd 2021. The overall objective of the Directive is to continue the strengthening of the EU's data economy by increasing the amount of public sector data available for re-use, ensuring fair competition and easy access public sector information, and enhancing cross-border innovation based on data.

The main principle of the Directive is that government data should be **open by default and design**. The provisions of the Directive include:

- Release of non-personal data in open formats and to open standards.
- Data to be available in real time and via APIs (where possible).

Regards

  
RTK

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From: **Data Queries** <[D.Queries@epa.ie](mailto:D.Queries@epa.ie)>

Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 5:07 PM

Subject: Final Decision of Open Data Request ODR - 004

To: [requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie) <[requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)>

Dear Right to Know,

I refer to your request dated Wednesday 31 May 2023 under the Open Data Directive 2021, which was received for information held by EPA. Your request sought:

*“Under the Open Data Directive to request the publication of the LEAP Online data in open access format*

*RTK submit that LEAP Online is a) high-value dataset, and b) environmental data*

*RTK further submit that LEAP Online is a) not in an open format, b) not available via API, c) not real-time, and d) not available as a bulk download*

*Please note:*

*This request is being made under the Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information Directive, commonly known as the Open Data Directive. The Open Data Regulations which transposed the Directive into Irish law, SI 376/2021, provide that a public sector body should respond to an Open Data request:*

- within 20 working days from receipt of the request,*
- or if a complex request, within 40 working days.”*

I, Eileen Carroll, the EPA Open Data Liaison Officer, have now made a final decision. I will explain the details below:

**Regulation (EU) 2023/138 of 21 December 2022 laying down a list of specific high-value datasets and the arrangements for their publication and re-use.**

*Under the new Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 of 21 December 2022, the list of specific high-value datasets and the arrangements for their publication and re-use are laid down in this new regulation. The EPA Thematic High-Value Datasets are identified under the following categories:*

- ***Geospatial Postcodes:*** national and local maps (cadastral, topographic, marine, administrative boundaries, etc.).
- ***Earth observation and environment Space and in situ data:*** (monitoring of land and water quality, energy consumption, emission levels, etc.).

Under Article 6, 'Entry into force and application' states:

'This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 16 months after entry into force of this Regulation'.

Therefore, the deadline date for the implementation of High-Value datasets is June 2024. Under the remit of this regulation, the EPA is working towards releasing the geospatial and earth observation and environment space priority high-value datasets before this deadline date.

Please see a link to the regulation: [EUR-Lex - 32023R0138 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/138/oj).

**Leap Online**

When Phase 2 is launched later in 2023, LEAP Online will be the portal for publishing around 10,000 documents per annum across our enforcement activities. Prior to the publication of each document on LEAP Online, the EPA must carry out a check of each document to ensure that (1) the document does not contain any personal data that might be in breach of the GDPR (2) the document does not contain a defamatory, vexatious or misleading content (3) we confirm that the data is correct and consistent with what has been previously provided to the EPA.

In other words, we must check that the data is credible and accurate. Given the volume of documents that we receive and the nature of the work, we carry out (necessitating that inspectors are frequently out on site), making these documents available in real-time would

exceed the financial and technical capabilities of the EPA and would therefore impose a disproportionate effect. The EPA are of the view that publication of the data after a 30-day delay does not impair the exploitation of the economic and social potential of the data. This is provided for under section 'Available format' 7(5) of the S.I. No. 376/2021 - European Union (Open Data and Re-use of Public Sector Information) Regulations 2021.

'Where making dynamic data available for re-use immediately after collection, as referred to in paragraph (4), would exceed the financial and technical capacities of the public sector body or public undertaking, thereby imposing a disproportionate effort, those dynamic data shall be made available for re-use within a time-frame or with temporary technical restrictions that do not unduly impair the exploitation of the economic and social potential of the data.'

As part of phase 2 of the launch, several LEAP API's will be released and available to the public.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision or information, you can appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Office of the Information Commissioner. You should make your appeal within 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.

Should you wish to make such an appeal in writing, please use the details below:

The Office of the Information Commissioner

6 Earlsfort Terrace,

Dublin 2,

D02 W773

Alternatively, you may appeal using the Information Commissioner's online application form, which can be located at:

[Re-Use Of Public Sector Information | OIC](#)

If an application for review is made by you and accepted, the Information Commissioner will fully investigate and consider the matter and issue a fresh decision.

Kind regards,

Eileen

**From:** Data Queries  
**Sent:** Friday 2 June 2023 12:07  
**To:** [requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)  
**Subject:** Acknowledgement of Open Data Request ODR - 004

Dear Right to Know,

Thank you for your email.

I refer to your Open Data Request made under the Open Data Directive 2021, which was received on 31<sup>st</sup> May for the record. Your request sought:

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- *or if a complex request, within 40 working days.”*

A final decision on your request will be sent to you within 20 days, whereas a week is defined as five working days, excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Kind regards,

Eileen Carroll

Open Data Liaison Officer

Eileen Carroll

Programme Officer, I ICT Team

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**From:** Right To Know <[requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 31 May 2023 11:50  
**To:** AIE <[AIE@epa.ie](mailto:AIE@epa.ie)>  
**Cc:** Rhoda Kerins (PER) <[Rhoda.Kerins@per.gov.ie](mailto:Rhoda.Kerins@per.gov.ie)>  
**Subject:** Open Data Directive Request: LEAP Online

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Regards

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## Jason Sherlock (PER)

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**From:** Adams, Joanne <Joanne.Adams@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 28 March 2023 17:00  
**To:** Helena Campbell (PER)  
**Subject:** RE: Request under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of SI376 of 2021 (Afforestation Form 1 Notices)

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Hi Helena,  
Thank you for coming back to me.  
Your response is very helpful.  
Kind regards,  
Joanne

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Helena Campbell (PER) <Helena.Campbell@per.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 27 March 2023 17:32  
**To:** Adams, Joanne <Joanne.Adams@agriculture.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: Request under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of SI376 of 2021 (Afforestation Form 1 Notices)

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Hi Joanne

I have been thinking some more about your questions.

Personal data which includes names, personal email addresses and telephone numbers are not covered by the open data Directive and should not be released. I do not see the licence number you referred to either on the form or excel sheets, so it is unclear whether this would be covered.

It may be the case that the effort required to redact each form would be unduly onerous, especially as no parameters- either temporal or spatial are specified in the original request. It may be useful to get back to the requester and ask him to narrow the parameters. In any event, the Directive states in section 33; 'Public sector bodies should view requests for extracts from existing documents favourably when to grant such a request would involve only a simple operation. Public sector bodies should not, however, be obliged to provide an extract from a document or to modify the format of the requested information where this involves a disproportionate effort.' Also, Article 5 (3) states; 'Paragraph 1 shall not imply an obligation for public sector bodies to create or adapt documents or provide extracts in order to comply with that paragraph where this would involve disproportionate effort, going beyond a simple operation.'

Can you estimate the number of documents this data request would cover?

I would advise you to coordinate with the new open data unit in the DAFM and look at ways in which you can publish this data via their portal and linking it to the national open data portal. As it stands, the excel files published are not open data- they would need to be published with an open licence (CC-BY 4.0) and in a non-proprietary

format, i.e. csv rather than excel. They would also need to be associated with explanatory metadata and cleaned of internal text and visualisations.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Kind regards

Helena

-----Original Message-----

From: Adams, Joanne <Joanne.Adams@agriculture.gov.ie>

Sent: Friday 24 March 2023 12:52

To: Helena Campbell (PER) <Helena.Campbell@per.gov.ie>

Subject: FW: Request under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of SI376 of 2021 (Afforestation Form 1 Notices)

Importance: High

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Hi Helena,

As discussed, please see request below. I've also attached blank versions of the Form 1 (a), (b) and (c) for your information.

The information is published monthly on our website at this link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/20d6c-forestry-division-monthly-reports/>

Thank you for our discussion and I look forward to chatting again when you have had time to consider.

Kind regards,

Joanne

Joanne Adams

Assistant Principal Officer - Forestry Division \_\_ An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

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-----Original Message-----

From: 

Sent: Monday 20 March 2023 08:01

To: Freedom of Information <FreedomOfInformation@agriculture.gov.ie>

Cc: rhoda.kerins@per.gov.ie

Subject: Request under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of SI376 of 2021 (Afforestation Form 1 Notices)

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Hello,

I wish to make a request under Regulation 6 (1) (b) of SI376 of 2021 for the re-use of public sector information.

The documents concerned are all

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

held by the Forest Service of DAFM.

The right of access to these documents is already established and they should be being actively disseminated.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Regards,

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