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Kildare County Council



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Mr. Tommy Gavin  
By Email [requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Re:** Request for Information under the provisions of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 as amended  
Commercial Peat Extraction in Kildare

Dear Mr. Gavin

I refer to your AIE Request submitted in the above regard.

A Final Decision on your Request was made by Mary Mc Carthy on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, who may be contacted by telephone on (045) 980200 or by e-mail at [customerservice@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:customerservice@kildarecoco.ie) or in writing to: AIE Officer, Environment, Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Your Request is as follows

*“Under the AIE Regs to request any correspondence / records related to peat extraction on the following sites in Kildare*

*Site KE1– Cadamstown, Clonuff, and Ballina, Co. Kildare*

*Site KE2- Clonagh, Mucklon, Hortland and Derryvarroge, Co. Kildare*

*Site KE3- Ballinderry, Nurney, Haggard, Williamstown, Freagh and Carbury Bog, Co. Kildare*

*Site KE4- Rathernan, Oldtowndonore, Newtowndonore, Derreens, Lattensbog, Coolaght, Co. Kildare*

*Please include any internal CoCo records, any correspondence with the EPA and any correspondence with landowners and/or peat extraction contractors*

*Please restrict this AIE request to the years 2023-2024”*

## **Response**

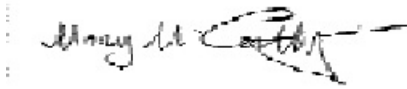
In response to your Request the Decision Maker has attached a schedule of documents that outlines the decision of the Council on whether to grant/refuse access to documents relevant to your request and attach the released documents.

## **Internal Review**

Where a public authority refuses your request for information or has not dealt with your request appropriately, you can seek an internal review by the Council. If you require an internal review, you must request it within 1 month of receiving the decision by putting your appeal in writing to: Mr. Ken Kavanagh, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department, Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, County Kildare (Tel.: 045 980588).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review you can appeal to the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information, 18 Lower Lesson Street, Dublin 2 (Tel: 01 639 5689). You must appeal within 1 month of receiving the reviewed decision from the Council. The CEI may extend the time limit if he/she believes it is reasonable to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Mc Carthy', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Mary Mc Carthy  
Administrative Officer

### Schedule to AIE Request

	Date	Subject	Grant/Refuse Access
<p>Under the AIE Regs to request any correspondence / records related to peat extraction on the following sites in Kildare</p> <p>Site KE1– Cadamstown, Clonuff, and Ballina, Co. Kildare</p> <p>Site KE2- Clonagh, Mucklon, Hortland and Derryvarroge, Co. Kildare</p> <p>Site KE3- Ballinderry, Nurney, Haggard, Williamstown, Freagh and Carbury Bog, Co. Kildare</p> <p>Site KE4- Rathernan, Oldtowndonore, Newtowndonore, Derreens, Lattensbog, Coolaght, Co. Kildare</p> <p>Please include any internal CoCo records, any correspondence with the EPA and any correspondence with landowners and/or peat extraction contractors</p> <p>Please restrict this AIE request to the years 2023-2024”</p>	28/06/2023	Correspondence from the DHLGH	Grant Access
	04/07/2023	Correspondence to the DHLG	Grant Access
	01/12/2023	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	01/12/2023	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	01/12/2023	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	01/12/2023	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	05/07/2024	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	09/08/2024	Correspondence to EPA	Grant Access
	25/09/2024	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	25/09/2024	Correspondence from the EPA	Grant Access
	25/10/2024	Correspondence to EPA	Grant Access
	11/04/2024	Draft Enforcement Officer Report on EPA Site 1 43520	Refuse Access-under Section 9 (2) (c) of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) as the Report is not complete.
	11/04/2024	Draft Enforcement Officer Report on EPA Site 2 44823	Refuse Access-under Section 9 (2) (c) of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) as the Report is not complete
	23/05/2024	Draft Enforcement Officer Report on EPA Site 4 45338	Refuse Access-under Section 9 (2) (c) of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) as the Report is not complete

	11/04/2024	Draft Enforcement Officer Report 1 on EPA Site 3 45338	Refuse Access-under Section 9 (2) (c) of the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) as the Report is not complete
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