

FOI DOF/2026-0191

Request

Original request received 06/04/2026

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, where relevant, I request copies of all notes, records, memoranda, reports and all records howsoever compiled, including all electronic communications, arising from contact between the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Geological Survey of Northern Ireland; Geotechnical and Advisory Section and Belfast City Council including its planning office, original Applicants and subsequent Applicants, their servants or agents for the site at 722 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim relating to but not limited to application references:

Z/2010/0523/F:

Residential development and ancillary works (64 residential units including detached, semi-detached and apartments) (Amended plans)
722 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim

Clarification received 08/04/2026

This FOI/EIR would relate to the period from 2019 to 2026. It should include any responses to planning applications post the determination of Z/2010/0523/F with a specific focus on the area to the west and uphill of No. 740 Antrim Road in relation to, inter alia, stabilisation, excavation and levels changes and any interactions and interfaces in relation to regrading and profiling of the land uphill and to the west of No. 740 Antrim Road. This area of land, shown as communal landscaping, has been altered during construction works. No plans show that this area was to be altered but was to remain treed and planted.

DoF response

I can confirm the department does not hold the information requested.

Annex B - Internal Reviews

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

To make an Internal Review request:

- **Clearly state:** That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

What the review includes

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, please email foi@finance-ni.gov.uk or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.