

FOI DOF/2026-0485

Request

AP02/25 Towell House Appeal– Previous Ref. DOF/2026-0234

Response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested.

The information requested is subject to the exceptions in regulation 12(4)(e) 'internal communications' and regulation 12(5)(d) 'confidentiality of the proceedings of a public authority' under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

When an exception is engaged, DoF must consider where the public interest lies before deciding whether to disclose the information, therefore the appropriate Public Interest Test has been completed on the information held as part of their decision making process.

This has concluded that the balance of the public interest has been found to fall in favour of withholding the information covered by the regulation 12 exceptions, see Public Interest Test at Annex C.