

10/12/2024

**Re: Freedom of Information request 202423 – Request Refused.**

Dear

I refer to your request dated 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 and received in the LDA on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2024, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. I also refer to your subsequent letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 and received in this office on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024, and our response on November 12<sup>th</sup>..

- 1. Copies of the initial contact received from any third parties (whether a letter, email, memo of a phone call or meeting or otherwise), received by the Land Development Agency in the period from (i) the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and (ii) the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023, in response to the request which it made for expressions of interest from private landowners under “Project Tosaigh”.*
- 2. Any and all information in respect of the email dated the 8th December 2023 which I sent to the Land Development Agency (including but not limited to any contacts, approaches, emails, telefaxes, letters, notes, memorandums of discussions and any other communications between (i) the Land Development Agency and (ii) any third parties including the Irish Independent, its servants or agents (including NAMED PERSON), in relation to my said email of the 8th December 2023).*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to Refuse your request on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

**1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access.**

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant section within the LDA for search and retrieval of records within the scope of your request. I was informed in response that the request was too voluminous and would result in 697 records and required a reduction of scope, we notified you of this in a letter on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024. To date we have received no response from you.

Therefore, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which states:

**Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests.**

I wish to inform you that I am refusing this section of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(c) of the FOI Act.

*15.(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—  
(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,*

## **2. Right of Appeal**

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal against it. If you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Land Development Agency, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to [foi@lda.ie](mailto:foi@lda.ie).

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Head of Finance, Land Development Agency, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

**The Land Development Agency DAC**  
**IE61AIBK93101264101092**  
**BIC: AIBKIE2D**

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202423**) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks 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. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Please be advised that the Land Development Agency replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website at [lda.ie](http://lda.ie).

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on (01) 9103400.

Yours sincerely,



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Monika Szyszko,  
Senior Compliance Manager