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Dear Ms Purvis

Whinlatter Forest Information Request

Thank you for your request for information. My assessment is that the information you are seeking is exempt under section 39(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because this information is "environmental information", as defined in regulation 2 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). Regulation 12 (5) (c-e) provides exemption to the right of access to material on grounds of confidentiality and intellectual property. The majority of the information you have requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement dated 29 January 2018 which prohibits the disclosure of any information relating to the agreement or any projects to which the agreement relates.

The information we do hold in relation to your request and which is not subject to the exemptions above is enclosed with this letter.

I have tried to deal with your request as fully as possible. If you have any questions then I would be happy to try and answer these for you. However, should you wish to complain about the way your request has been handled please contact:

Forestry Commission
Director England
620 Bristol Business Park
Coldharbour Lane
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BS16 1EJ

Email: commissioners@forestrycommission.gov.uk

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any complaints with you directly. However, should the matter fail to be resolved, you may make an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours Sincerely,

Jim Lee MA MSc. MRICS 17 December 2018