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Thank you for your request for information in relation to NIE undertaking an "upgrade of low voltage cables" across Northern Ireland. You also state that you have been advised by the Department for Infrastructure that the matters raised are solely within the remit and responsibility of the Department for the Economy. The request was received on 26 November 2020 and the Department is dealing with it under the terms of the above legislation.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the information you have requested is not held by the Department, nor are we able to respond to the questions posed at Points 1 – 5 of your e-mail. As such, you may wish to consider approaching Northern Ireland Electricity Networks directly on the matter - their website is www.nienetworks.co.uk

With regard to Point (6) in your e-mail, this is primarily the authority responsible for granting planning approval for the new infrastructure. In this instance, given the reference to "upgrade of low voltage cables", approval, if required, would most likely fall to the relevant local Council.

An Access to Information Factsheet available at <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/access-information#toc-3> provides information on what to do if you are not happy with our response.

Yours sincerely

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