



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02968

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Dalradian Risk Assessment

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Planning consultation response ref LA102017/1249/F

Can I enquire on the above response which was submitted from yourself to the Department for Infrastructure concerning the Dalradian Gold proposal?

I wish to enquire if at any time during this consultation was there any assessment taken concerning the risk surrounding the transport of high explosives through populated areas at a frequency never seen before in Northern Ireland?

Answer

PSNI Operations Support Department (OSD) conducted searches however these failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

No specific risk assessment was undertaken during the consultation period. Generic risk assessments are in place for the escorting of explosives as this is a task that is carried out on a day to day basis.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 2

Also was there any risk assessment in respects to public safety in the traffic aspect of transporting large volumes of Sodium Cyanide on public highways and through built up areas also at a frequency never seen before, statistically this would increase the possibility of a catastrophic accident involving one of the most lethal chemicals known to man so you can see how this will be of concern to the public.

Answer

PSNI Operations Support Department (OSD) conducted searches however these failed to locate any

records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

No risk assessment was carried out as it falls under 'Control of Major Accidents Hazard', which falls under the remit of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Environment Agency.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 3

I would also like to enquire of the risk assessment taken on the volume increase of traffic on these small rural roads due to this project proposal and its close proximity to the village of Greencastle and primary school.

Answer

As part of the planning application for this venture, the views of the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) who have responsibility for the road network would normally be sought.

In addition it may be useful to contact Mid-Ulster District Council Planning Section and/or the DFI Roads 'Western Division' who may be of assistance to you.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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