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Dear [REDACTED]

#### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 5 January 2021 that sought the following information:

**A list of the top ten areas of Northern Ireland with the most reported fly tipping incidents in 2020. Ideally, this information would be listed as the towns and cities with the most reported fly tipping incidents in 2020. I would also like to receive this information for 2019.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it does not hold the specific information you requested, but has provided related information, the limitations of which are set out below.

The Department's NIEA Enforcement Branch investigates incidents of significant, large-scale illegal waste disposal and does not keep records under the term 'fly-tipping'. The majority of instances of fly-tipping, which is the casual, ad-hoc deposit of small quantities of waste, often from households, are dealt with by local councils. The Agency records its incidents by local council area, and does not keep records of its data in terms of towns or cities.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Ballykelly House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely



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I refer to the table below which lists each council area and shows its rank in term of the number of illegal waste deposit allegations received in 2019 and 2020.

<b>Rank order of the Council Area with most waste disposal incidents / year</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ards &amp; North Down</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Belfast</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Derry City &amp; Strabane</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mid &amp; East Antrim</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mid Ulster</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

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