

# Consultation on the draft Remediation Strategy for the Mobuoy Site



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## Ministerial Foreword

The illegal depositing of waste at the Mobuoy site represents one of the largest environmental crimes ever perpetrated in Northern Ireland and a criminal justice outcome continues to be pursued against the former operators.

Safeguarding public health, ensuring safe drinking water, and reducing the environmental impact of the Mobuoy Road waste site are of paramount importance to me.

There is no room for complacency and my department recognises that it has a duty, under the Water (NI) Order 1999, to promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground strata and will continue to take action to safeguard water quality and the environment at Mobuoy.

I take the discharge of this duty very seriously and to this end, my officials have produced a draft technical remediation strategy for the Mobuoy site, now presented in this consultation document in [Annex A](#) 'The draft Remediation Strategy'.

The purpose of this consultation is to take your views on the draft Remediation Strategy and I would like to hear your views on any points you believe should be taken into consideration before confirmation and agreement of a preferred approach.

Following the consultation a preferred approach will be determined which is affordable, deliverable, mitigates environmental risks and safeguards water quality for future generations.

Once this consultation is closed, my officials will work through the feedback received and publish a report on how your input has been considered in the next steps towards decision making on the Remediation Strategy.

This will not be a quick fix, but I am committed to continuing to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to protect water quality and the environment during these processes.

I encourage you to participate in this consultation and to assist we are presenting the questions which are also available on Citizen Space. Together, we can develop a path forward to the long-term safeguarding of water quality and the environment at the Mobuoy site.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Muir', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Andrew Muir MLA**

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

## Background

The draft Remediation Strategy at [Annex A](#) is a technical document and has been developed by a specialist contaminated land consultancy team in accordance with the industry standard process known as the Land Contamination Risk Management ([LCRM](#)) guidance. This assessment provides a technical proposal which will require further development to take account of consultation responses, affordability and deliverability. This will then feed into the development of a final remediation strategy.

LCRM<sup>1</sup> is the UK Government guidance on how to assess and manage the risks from land contamination and it applies here in Northern Ireland as well as England and Wales.

The work began with extensive site investigations to establish the volume and nature of the contamination and found that there is an estimated 1.6 million cubic metres of waste present on the site. This includes waste that dates from the 1960s and waste to which the recent criminal proceedings relate.

Based on the site investigations and in line with the LCRM process, a Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment ([DQRA](#)) was carried out and this was [published](#) on the DAERA website on the 28 October 2022.

Following on from the DQRA, the specialist contaminated land consultancy team worked through a range of potential remediation options together with the criteria to be used to evaluate the options and the weighting to be applied to those criteria in the Remediation Options Appraisal (ROA). The appraisal process was undertaken in line with LCRM and The Sustainable Remediation Forum (SuRF) UK publication, '[A Framework for Assessing the Sustainability of Soil and Groundwater Remediation](#)'. This guidance was produced with the aim of encouraging more sustainable management of remediation practices in the UK. It outlines the principles of sustainable development and the criteria that should be used in the selection of sustainable remediation strategies.

At each of these stages, this work was presented to stakeholders and published on the DAERA [website](#).

This work has now culminated in the production of a draft Remediation Strategy for the site. This is a technical document proposing options for how the site could be remediated to mitigate the risks highlighted by the evidence based Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment in accordance with the outcomes from the Remediation Options Appraisal.

We are now at the stage in the LCRM process where there is a requirement to publish this draft Remediation Strategy for consultation with stakeholders and NIEA would like to hear your views on any points you believe should be taken into consideration before confirmation and agreement of a preferred approach.

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<sup>1</sup> [Land contamination risk management \(LCRM\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



Following the consultation a preferred approach will be determined which is affordable, deliverable, mitigates environmental risks and safeguards water quality for future generations.

The purpose of this consultation is to take your views on the draft Remediation Strategy. This is a key element of the LCRM process. It also presents an opportunity for stakeholders to provide technical information which can help us determine the preferred approach.

It is important to note that this consultation does not guarantee that everything in the Remediation Strategy will be delivered. It is an important step in the process being taken forward by the NIEA in developing options for the Mobuoy site. Next steps will be subject to a range of factors including departmental and public spending approvals. This will include a wider role for the Executive and Assembly in delivering a remediation strategy that recognises the constraints we operate within. There will therefore be important considerations on the availability of funding and the realistic timescales required to deliver a remediation solution.

## Topic of this consultation

Remediation options for the Mobuoy illegal landfill site.

## Scope of this consultation

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency is seeking your views on the technical options presented in the attached draft Remediation Strategy. This consultation represents an important step towards decision making on remediation of the site and to help inform this, we have included specific questions for you to **consider on page 13**.

The information gathered in this consultation will then be used to inform a confirmed remediation strategy.

## Outside the scope of this consultation

The implementation of any remediation strategy will be informed by wider public finance considerations and departmental approval processes. It is important to be aware of this as the financial feasibility of delivering any remediation will have to consider the available funding and timeframes over which a remediation strategy can be delivered.

The issues outside the scope of this consultation are:

- Affordability;
- Financial feasibility; and
- Timeframes for delivering the remediation.

# Introduction

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency, an agency within the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA), has published a consultation on the draft Remediation Strategy for the Mobuoy Road site.

Safeguarding public health, ensuring safe drinking water, and reducing the environmental impact at the Mobuoy site is a priority for NIEA. NIEA is committed to protecting the water quality of the river Faughan and working in partnership with NI Water to safeguard drinking water in the north-west. A comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Programme is in place at the Mobuoy site. A draft Remediation Strategy to deliver the long-term remediation of the Mobuoy site, based on the best balance of environmental, social, and economic factors has been developed. A detailed risk assessment, drawing on extensive site investigations with over seven years of monitoring, has provided a robust scientific basis for a detailed appraisal of many remediation options, and subsequently the development of the draft Remediation Strategy.

## NIEA/DAERA Objectives

Under Article 4 of the Water (NI) Order 1999, DAERA has a duty to promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground strata and, when exercising its functions in relation to the cleanliness of water, we must have regard to the protection of human health. In exercising this duty, we have developed the draft Remediation Strategy and our key strategic remediation objectives are the:

1. Protection of surface water quality at the river Faughan and feed tributaries.
2. Improvement in the quality of the Faughan groundwater body.
3. Protection of the quality of the NI Water's raw water abstraction at Cloghole (for Carmoney Water Treatment Works).
4. Reduction of landfill gas to acceptable levels to protect site users.
5. Creation of long-term benefit to the site and the wider community which aligns to the site vision.
6. Integration with the future A6 Roads scheme and wider public interests.



# Public body responsible for the consultation

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

## Duration of consultation

This consultation will begin on **Friday 13th June 2025** and closes at **23.59 on Thursday 2nd October 2025**.

## Enquiries

If you require any further information, contact the Mobuoy Remediation Project Team on 028 7744 2139 or email: [Mobuoy.consultation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Mobuoy.consultation@daera-ni.gov.uk)

## How to respond

This engagement exercise uses the Citizen Space Hub, accessible via the relevant page on the DAERA website, as the primary means of response, to make it as accessible as possible. However, you may download a response template from the DAERA consultation website and reply by e-mail to: [Mobuoy.consultation@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Mobuoy.consultation@daera-ni.gov.uk) or hard copy by writing to:

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The consultation will run for a 16-week period from **Friday 13th June 2025**.

The deadline for responses to this consultation is **23.59 on Thursday 2nd October 2025**. All responses should be received by then to ensure they can be fully considered.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the Confidentiality of Consultations, is provided on page 24 for your reference.

When you reply, it would be very useful if you please confirm whether you are replying as an individual or submitting an official response on behalf of an organisation and include:

- your name
- your position (if applicable)
- the name of organisation (if applicable)

Please make it clear which question, paragraph number or page number of the draft Remediation Strategy or consultation document each comment relates to and ensure that the text of your response is in a format that allows copying of individual sentences or paragraphs, to help us when considering your view on particular issues.

Thank you for taking time to submit responses to this consultation. Your views will help improve and shape decisions on the final remediation strategy.

## Background

1. The unlawful disposal of infilled waste at the Mobuoy site was discovered by NIEA Enforcement officers in 2013.
2. The Mobuoy site covers 46 hectares, located on the outskirts of Derry/ Londonderry, adjacent to the river Faughan, a Special Area of Conservation, and approximately 2km upstream of the Cloghole drinking water abstraction point, serving a population of 60,000. Investigations indicate that there is approximately 1.6 million tonnes of waste at the site, 627,000 tonnes of which is estimated to have been deposited illegally.
3. DAERA recognises that it has a duty, further to Article 4 of the Water (NI) Order 1999 to promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground strata and, when it is exercising its functions in relation to the cleanliness of water, it must have regard to the protection of human health. This is referenced in Article 4(2)(c) of the Water (NI) Order 1999.
4. The NIEA takes the discharge of this duty under the Water Order very seriously and for that reason is undertaking work:
  - i. To monitor the site;
  - ii. Pursue enforcement action against the former operators; and
  - iii. To plan for appropriate remediation.
5. To progress the remediation of the site, NIEA appointed an integrated consultancy team, Tetra Tech Ltd, in June 2021. Tetra Tech was appointed to develop a draft Remediation Strategy and outline business case for remediation of the site.
6. The Draft Remediation Strategy to deliver the long-term remediation of the Mobuoy site, based on the best balance of environmental, social, and economic factors forms the basis of this consultation.
7. A detailed risk assessment, drawing on extensive site investigations with over seven years of monitoring data, has provided a robust scientific basis for a detailed appraisal of many remediation options, and subsequently the development of the draft remediation strategy.
8. The draft strategy has been developed in line with best practice and using guidance issued by the Environment Agency that applies to Northern Ireland. The next step in the process is to seek your views on the draft strategy. This is an important step towards decision making on remediation of the site.
9. Work has been undertaken by the appointed consultants on potential costs of remediation to inform the development of a draft outline business case. The potential costs are a point in time estimate that will be subject to change due to technical development and the timescales over which a final remediation strategy may be delivered. However, it is important to note there is no agreed preferred option, and there will not be until this consultation has been completed and responses taken into account.

## Timeframes for remediation

10. Although the timeframe for remediation is outside the scope of this consultation, it is important to recognise that remediation is likely to take a number of years to complete. Any implementation plan and timetable for remediation will be subject to:
  - i. The outcome of this consultation;
  - ii. Wider consideration of DAERA/NIEA's statutory responsibility to protect water quality;
  - iii. Financial feasibility of delivering a remediation strategy for the site; and
  - iv. Affordability in the context of the incredibly challenging constraints of public finances.
11. As this consultation progresses and our approach to remediation is finalised, we will continue with our comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Programme at the site to ensure that drinking water is protected.
12. The DAERA Minister will need to carefully consider DAERA's statutory duties in protecting water quality, and the wider role of the Executive and Assembly in the scrutiny and affordability of appropriate next steps. This will be considered in detail following this consultation.
13. The consideration of any preferred option will be subject to departmental and public spending approvals whilst ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to protect water quality and the environment.
14. It is important to note that affordability may require the consideration, prioritisation, and phasing of key elements of any preferred option. You will note from the technical assessment that the site has been broken down into zones and the risk associated with each zone may vary depending on the waste contained in each zone. This provides a potential opportunity for the consideration of which areas to address first, and it provides flexibility in the roll-out of solutions to address the highest risk areas on the site.

## Consultation Question 1

Question	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Question	Theme	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Responses
1	<p>Do you think the draft remediation strategy is the right way to remediate the Mobuoy site?</p> <p>See the following links for additional information:  <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>  <a href="#">Land Contamination Risk Management Guidance</a>  <a href="#">Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment</a>  <a href="#">Remediation Options Appraisal</a></p>		<p>Yes</p> <p>If Yes, you may also wish to provide additional suggested solutions or reasons for your view.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide your reasons and any suggested alternative solutions.</p>

## Consultation Question 2

Question	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Question	Theme	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Responses
2	<p>Do you believe that implementation of the draft Remediation Strategy will achieve the remediation strategic objectives?</p> <p>See the following links for additional information:  <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>  <a href="#">Land Contamination Risk Management Guidance</a>  <a href="#">Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment</a>  <a href="#">Remediation Options Appraisal</a></p>		<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes, you may also wish to provide additional suggested solutions.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide your reasons and any suggested alternative solutions.</p>

# Strategic Remediation Objectives for the Mobuoy site

15. The strategic objectives for the project are the overarching objectives or goals for remediation and align with the department's duty, under the Water (NI) Order 1999, to promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground strata. NIEA is committed to continuing to take action to safeguard water quality and the environment at Mobuoy.
16. The principal objective of the Remediation Options Appraisal process was to present a transparent assessment of potentially suitable remedial techniques which will meet the overarching objectives for the Mobuoy site. The appraisal of remediation options and techniques considered detailed criteria, underpinning these objectives. These were evaluated against a comprehensive set of economic, social, and environmental criteria to develop a sustainable remediation solution.
17. Environmental criteria used in the options appraisal included 5 main categories.
  - i. Air (for example, examining how the scheme might perform in terms of greenhouse gas emissions);
  - ii. Soil and ground conditions (for example, assessing the impacts to soil structure or organic matter content);
  - iii. Groundwater and surface water (for example, assessing the impact scheme could have on flooding within the catchment);
  - iv. Ecology (for example, assessing the impact on the ecological value of the site);
  - v. Natural resource and waste (for example, considering the energy use profile of the scheme, the use of primary or recycled resources, and the requirement for water abstraction).
18. Economic criteria included the following categories:
  - i. Direct economic costs and benefits (for example, looking at the overall cost of options including future maintenance and monitoring costs);
  - ii. Indirect economic costs and benefits (for example, changes in land value and the wider economic impact from site remediation);
  - iii. Employment and employment capital (for example, the benefits to local businesses and potential employment opportunities to develop local skills);
  - iv. Induced economic costs and benefits (for example, the opportunity to maximise benefits by complementing other nearby schemes and local projects);
  - v. Project lifespan and flexibility (for example, this considers the flexibility of the option in response to uncertainty and robustness to climate change effects).



19. Social criteria included the following categories:
- i. Human health and safety; potential health risks to the general public and the duration and magnitude of effects and emissions of PM10, traffic movements and excavations. Options were considered and compared in terms of likely impacts, for example, in terms of their use of different reagents or the types of process emissions likely and what control processes might be in place;
  - ii. Neighbourhood and locality; impacts of traffic, noise and nuisance on the local area for both the construction and operational phases. Consideration was also given to how the options added to the amenity of the area, for example, through provision of parks or public open space or is there a nuisance or blight that might be removed by an option;
  - iii. Communities and community involvement; Options were considered and compared in terms of the benefits or impacts to the local population, for example, mental health benefits in the local community, improve education or social cohesion through involvement in the after-use of the site.
20. A full list of the assessment criteria is presented in the Remediation Options Appraisal Report. A copy of the Remediation Options Appraisal Report can be accessed on our website at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/mobuoy-remediation-project-remediation-options-appraisal>.
21. The strategic remediation objectives (with further explanation), along with consultation questions are:

**Objective 1 - Protection of surface water quality at the River Faughan and feed tributaries.**

The river Faughan flows adjacent to the Mobuoy site. The aim of this objective is to ensure the remediation scheme delivers protection of the water quality from any impact from the Mobuoy site in the long-term.

**Objective 2 - Improvement in the quality of the Faughan groundwater body.**

The Faughan groundwater body has been polluted from wastes deposited at the Mobuoy site. This resulted in the reclassification of the Faughan Groundwater body from 'good' to 'poor' status in 2021 under The European Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) (WFD).

This aim of this objective is to ensure measures are put in place to prevent further deterioration of the chemical status of the groundwater body in the short term and to improve the status in the long-term.

**Objective 3 - Protection of the quality of the NI Water's raw water abstraction at Cloghole (for Carmoney Water Treatment Works).**

NI Water abstract raw water from the river Faughan, 2km downstream of the Mobuoy site, for treatment and subsequent supply of drinking water to a population of 60,000 in the North-West. The aim of this objective is to protect the water quality in the river Faughan from any impact from the Mobuoy site.

**Objective 4 - Reduction of landfill gas to acceptable levels to protect site users.**

The waste on the site is actively producing gas. The aim of this objective is to ensure measures are put in place to mitigate risk from gas for future site users.

22. Given the Department and NIEA's responsibilities to protect water quality and public health, it is our view that the environmental objectives should take precedence over other strategic objectives.

## Consultation Question 3

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3	Where difficult decisions around funding need to be made to allocate resource, should funding be focused on the on the zones of highest environmental risk?	Environmental	<p>Yes</p> <p>Provide reasons.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide reasons and you may wish to put forward alternative suggestions.</p>

## Consultation Question 4

Question	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Question	Theme	Mobuoy Remediation Project - Remediation Strategy Public Consultation Responses
4	<p>The four environmental strategic objectives of the draft remediation strategy for the Mobuoy Site are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protection of surface water quality at the River Faughan and feed tributaries.</li> <li>2. Improvement in the quality of the Faughan groundwater body.</li> <li>3. Protection of the quality of the NI Water's raw water abstraction at Cloghole (for Carmoney Water Treatment Works).</li> <li>4. Reduction of landfill gas to acceptable levels to protect site users.</li> </ol> <p>Are these the objectives you would expect to see in the remediation strategy for the Mobuoy site?</p>	Environmental	<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes you may also wish to provide additional environmental objectives or rationale for your view.</p> <p>How would you rank these four environmental objectives in order of importance, starting with the most important.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please indicate if there are any of the 4 strategic objectives you agree with and/or provide additional environmental strategic objectives that should be set.</p>

**Objective 5 - Creation of long-term benefit to the site and the wider community which aligns to the site vision.**

Remediation of the site creates an opportunity to create an asset with wider community benefit. It is planned that a separate consultation on the site vision will be taken forward post finalisation of the remediation strategy.

## Consultation Question 5

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5	<p>Would you expect to see the following strategic objective included in the draft remediation strategy for the Mobuoy Site?</p> <p>1. Creation of long-term benefit to the site and the wider community which aligns to the site vision.</p>	Social	<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes you may also wish to provide additional social objectives or rationale for your view.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide additional social strategic objectives that should be set.</p>

**Objective 6 - Integration with the future A6 Roads scheme and wider public interests.**

Phase 2 of the A6 Derry to Dungiven dual carriageway project extends from Drumahoe to the A2 Caw roundabout. Part of the works will encroach on the Mobuoy site, and NIEA is working closely with DfI Roads colleagues to ensure an integrated approach so that the projects are coordinated and can progress efficiently.

## Consultation Question 6

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6	<p>Would you expect to see the following strategic objective included in the draft remediation strategy for the Mobuoy Site?</p> <p>1. Allow integration with the future A6 Roads scheme and wider public interests.</p>	Economic	<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes you may also wish to provide additional economic objectives or rationale for your view.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide reasons and you may also wish to provide additional economic strategic objectives that should be set.</p>

## Consultation Question 7

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7	<p>Please provide any additional thoughts, comments, contributions, or relevant information to help inform the next steps and completion of the remediation strategy.</p>		

23. The LRCM process has been used to develop a draft strategy setting out a technical approach to remediate the Mobuoy site that achieves the strategic remediation objectives.
24. The principal objective of the Remediation Options Appraisal (ROA) process is to present a transparent assessment of potentially suitable remedial technologies which will, sustainably, meet with the overarching strategic objectives for the Mobuoy site. The appraisal process was undertaken in line with LCRM and The Sustainable Remediation Forum (SuRF) UK publication 'A Framework for Assessing the Sustainability of Soil and Groundwater Remediation' (SuRF-UK, 2010). This guidance was produced with the aim

of encouraging more sustainable management of remediation practices in the UK and outlined the principles of sustainable development and the criteria that should be used in the selection of sustainable remediation strategies.

25. This draft Remediation Strategy is designed to address the pollutant linkages at the site, to mitigate the risks and meet the strategic remediation objectives.
26. The draft strategy represents the NIEA's view of how these strategic objectives can best be delivered through a remediation approach. In answering the questions in the consultation, we want you to comment on the strategic objectives and we want your views on the remediation approach that has been proposed to achieve these objectives.



# Consultation Questions

Table 1

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6	<p>Would you expect to see the following strategic objective included in the draft remediation strategy for the Mobuoy Site?</p> <p>1. Allow integration with the future A6 Roads scheme and wider public interests.</p>	Economic	<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes you may also wish to provide additional economic objectives or rationale for your view.</p> <p>No</p> <p>If no, please provide reasons and you may also wish to provide additional economic strategic objectives that should be set.</p>
7	<p>Please provide any additional thoughts, comments, contributions, or relevant information to help inform the next steps and completion of the remediation strategy.</p>		

## What Happens Next?

1. The implementation of any confirmed remediation strategy will be informed by wider public finance considerations and departmental approval processes. It is important to be aware of this, as the financial feasibility of delivering any remediation will have to consider the available funding and timeframes over which a remediation strategy can be delivered.
2. The development of a final strategy to remediate the site will be cross-cutting. Therefore, the final strategy will be presented to the Executive for approval and consideration of funding any proposed implementation.

**Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this consultation.**

### Confidentiality

The Department will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation may be disclosed on request. The Department can refuse to disclose information only in exceptional circumstances. Before you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations as these provide guidance on the legal position of any information given by you in response to this consultation. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in e-mail responses will not be treated as such a request.

### Data Protection

Section 8 (e) of the Data Protection Act 2018 permits processing of personal data when necessary for an activity that supports or promotes democratic engagement. Information provided by respondents to this consultation exercise will be held and used for the purposes of the administration of this current exercise and subsequently disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation.

### Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority (the Department in this case). This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Department cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity, should be made public or treated as confidential. This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances.

The Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

- The Department should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the Department's functions and it would not otherwise be provided;
- The Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties 'in confidence' which is not confidential in nature;
- Acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner.

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