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Our ref: RFI 5683

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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: [REDACTED] Rural Economy Grant Rejection

Thank you for your request for information about the rejection of your Rural Economy Grant application which we received on 29th July 2013. In my previous letter I explained that we would handle your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

However, given the nature of some of your information, this request has been handled under both the Freedom of Information Act and also, where the information relates to your personal data, the Data Protection Act (1998). This still means that we will be fully disclosing the information you asked for.

I enclose a copy of the information you requested:

- the Appraisal form which assessed your grant application (DPA)
- the Full Application Appraisal Spreadsheet, which goes with the Appraisal form (DPA)
- the Full Application Appraisal Guidance V1 7 which was the guidance in force at the time of your application (FOIA)
- the Technical Appendix relating to Investment in Water Resource Management (FOIA)

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data, which has been provided for you under the Data Protection Act.



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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

M: [REDACTED]

Annex A

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