9 May 2023 Our ref: RFI 6564

Dear ,

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your requests for information on 5 and 6 April which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have requested the statistics for the CAP payments (specifically under the Basic Payments (BPS) and Countryside Stewardship schemes (CS)) made to farmers in the county of Essex in 2021.

Please see the table below, confirming the total amounts paid to businesses within Essex in 2021, for BPS and CS claims.

Scheme	Value (GBP)
BPS	52,002,101.37
CS (Including Capital Claims)	4,227,113.93

We also attach Annex A below, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

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Yours sincerely

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