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The Curraghinalt Project Inquiries

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI), the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) have asked the Commission to conduct Public Local Inquiries to consider representations made in respect of the applications listed above comprising of the 'Curraghinalt Project (Dalradian Gold)'.

The Commission will reconvene the Inquiries at 10.00am on Monday, 13th April 2026 at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh in relation to the above. The Inquiries will sit from 10am to 4.30pm each day. The Commission has prepared a timetable for the inquiries and has included as much detail as possible including a list of topics and subtopics. Please note that the list is indicative and not exhaustive. The subtopics shown are for information only and do not necessarily indicate their running order within their topic. There will be no

movement of topics from the dates outlined above. The Commission will discuss suggested conditions only where they relate to matters raised by representations. The timetable is as follows:

Hearing Date	Topic	Subtopic	Consultees Required
13 & 14 April	Strategic Issues	Project Parameters, Processing, Enforcement, Jurisdictional Remit, SEA, EIA, Precautionary approach, Notification, Aarhus & Espoo, Conflict of interest, Human Rights & Principle of Development	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (FODC) Derry City & Strabane District Council
15 April	Transport & Road Abandonment	Baseline Data, HGV numbers and assumptions, Junction geometry, Road width and passing provision, Present condition and capacity, Receptors, Sustainable travel and transport plan, Policy compliance	DfI Roads
20, 21 & 23 April	Socio Economic	Economic Appraisal, Employment and skills, financial risk and market volatility, Investment and foreign direct investment, Local spend and multiplier effects, Public revenues, Community fund and benefits, Social impacts, Policing, Mine Closure, Regulatory, Legal and Governance	DfI Economy Branch
5 May	Cultural & Heritage	Archaeological resource, Setting of assets, Mass rock and religious heritage, Historic roads and access, Intangible cultural heritage, Tourism and amenity, Peatland, Human Rights, Community effects, Policy Compliance	DfC HED

6 May	Waste Management	Mine Waste Plan, Seismicity, Subsidence	Health & Safety Executive, Public Health Geological Survey of NI
7, 12 & 13 May	Residential Amenity	Air Quality, Lighting, Noise, Radon/NORM, Vibration, EMF, Blasting, Monitoring and Enforcement	NIEA Conservation Designation & Protection Branch NIEA Biodiversity and Wildlife Branch FODC Environmental Health NIEA Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate Public Health
14 May	Non-Water Ecology	Common Lizards, Birds, Bats, Badgers, Marsh Fritillary Butterfly, Irish Hare, NI Priority Habitats (Peat), Biodiversity Net Gain, Cumulative Impact	NIEA NED (All Branches)
18, 19, 20 & 21 May	Water & Water Ecology	Water Parameters, Private Water Supplies, Public Water Supply, Ground Water, Surface Water, Water Designations, Fish, FWPM, Otters, Newts, Peat, Cumulative Impact, Compensation	NIEA Water Management Unit NIEA NED (all Branches) NI Water NIEA Land & Groundwater Team NIEA Drinking Water Inspectorate Lough's Agency DfI Rivers

26, 27 & 28 May	Landscape	Designations, Methodology & Restoration	NIEA NED Protected Landscapes Team
2 & 3 June	Climate	Legislative issues, GHG Assessment, Scope 3 and Finch, Energy and fuel usage, Peatland impact, Carbon neutrality and offsetting, Transport and processing, Climate resilience, EIA	DAERA
4 June	TBC		
16 & 17 June	TBC		

The Commission expects all referring authorities to be available to answer questions for the duration of the Inquiries. All referring authorities should also come to the hearing sessions informed and prepared to answer questions in relation to all issues raised relevant to their application(s). The Commission also requests DfI Planning identify a consultee(s) to appear before the Inquiries and answer questions relating to climate.

If participants wish for expert witnesses to be heard on their behalf, they should plan to ensure that those witnesses are present in accordance with the timetable above or as amended. This will occur during discussions on each topic, when the relevant expert witnesses are present.

Participants should manage their time appropriately, cognisant that discussions on any given topic, or subtopics therein, may take longer than planned in some instances or move on quicker to the next topic or subtopic than anticipated. As such they are advised to be present for the full week in which those topics are planned to be discussed.

You will also note that there are three days at the end of the timetable kept clear, including two additional days above that announced in the Commissions letter to participants in October 2025. These days will be utilised in the event that discussion of a topic is prolonged and requires additional time afforded to it. Parties are advised to keep these dates free.