To whom it may concern,

Under the provisions of the 2014 Freedom of Information Act, I wish to access all records held by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources relating to the application by Shell E&P Ireland for consent to operate the Corrib Gas Pipeline and associated terminal at Bellanaboy in Co. Mayo.

I am seeking hard copies of the material in question.

This request relates to records from 18 August to the present day.

Yours sincerely,
Re: FOI request FOI/2015/147

Dear

I refer further to your request, dated 16 December 2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 for records held by the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources.

I invited you to consider focusing the scope of your request due to the voluminous records to which your original request applies.

I have now made a final decision to refuse your request. As highlighted in the letter of 16 December, the documents sought in the scope of your request is considerable in number and in my view this currently constitutes a voluminous request in accordance with section 15 (c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. As I stated previously, this section provides that “granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned.”

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on (01) 6782018.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Flanagan
Petroleum Affairs Division