



other parts of the United Kingdom or in other Member States. You also suggest that DAERA does not provide the same protection levels as other agencies do for the rest of the United Kingdom.

I would like to reassure you that we are not complacent about the environmental governance challenge in Northern Ireland. We have sent pre-infringement queries (EU Pilots) on several occasions and have raised the issues in package meetings (formal meetings discussing implementation of EU law in the United Kingdom). We are still monitoring issues around the implementation of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Waste Framework Directives in particular. We have also raised issues of non-conformity relating to how EU law is transposed in relation to Northern Ireland.

We will continue to pursue these issues whilst the UK remains a Member State of the EU.

Yours sincerely,

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