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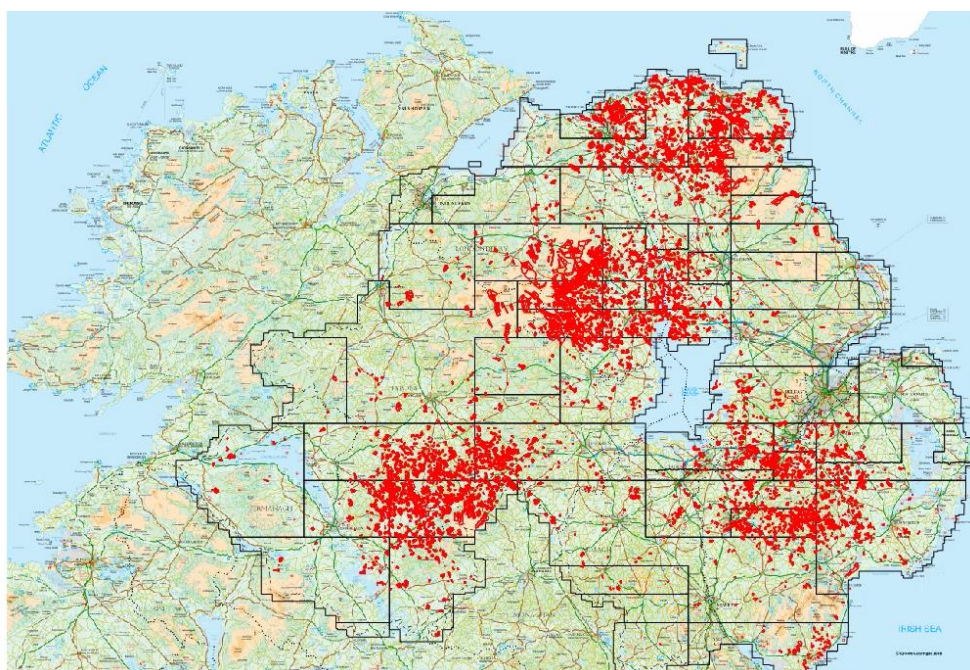
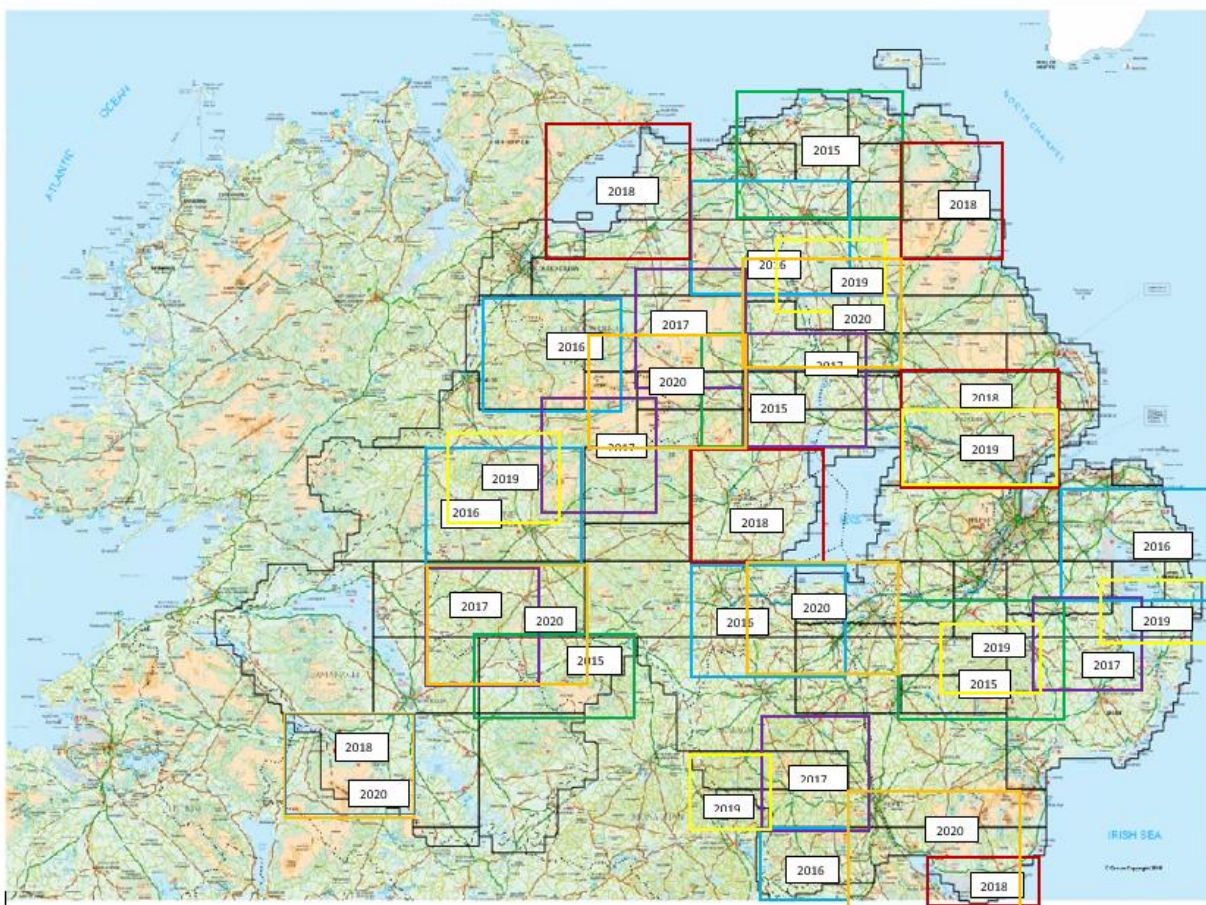
AQW 10977/17-22

**To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs which geographical areas were zoned for Basic Payment Scheme inspection by satellite in the years (i) 2020; (ii) 2019; (iii) 2018; (iv) 2017; (v) 2016; and (vi) 2015.**

A number of geographical zones are selected at random within Northern Ireland each year and contemporaneous satellite imagery is obtained for these areas. A number of farm businesses that fall within these zones are then selected for Basic Payment Scheme On The Spot Checks. A visual representation of these zones has been provided as this best identifies their geographical locations. The first map identifies all the zones which have been selected since 2015 onwards. Each zone has been overlaid and colour coded depending on the year. The subsequent maps individually identify each zone for the years requested.

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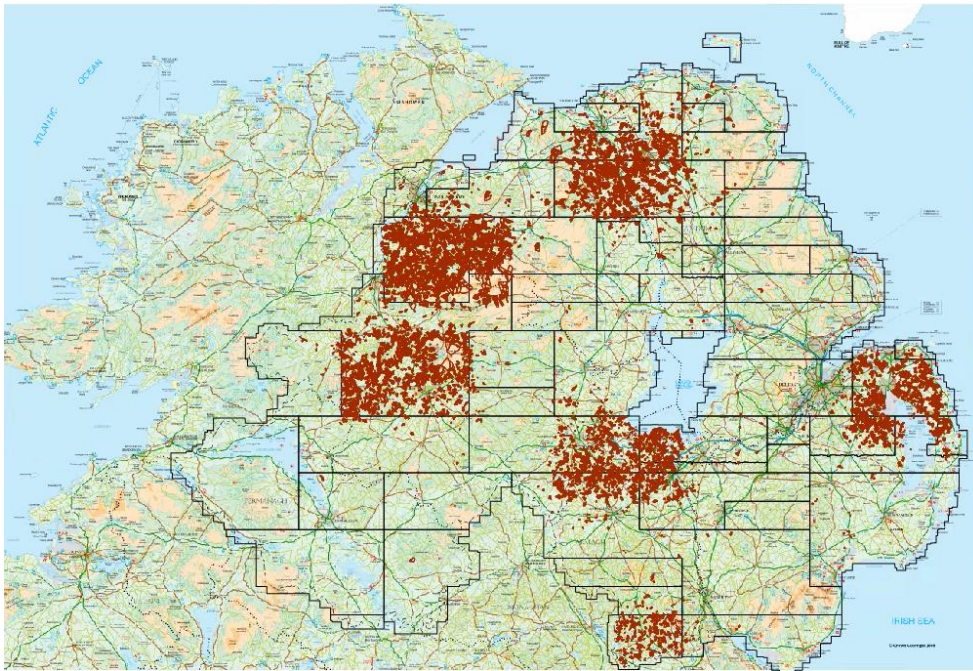
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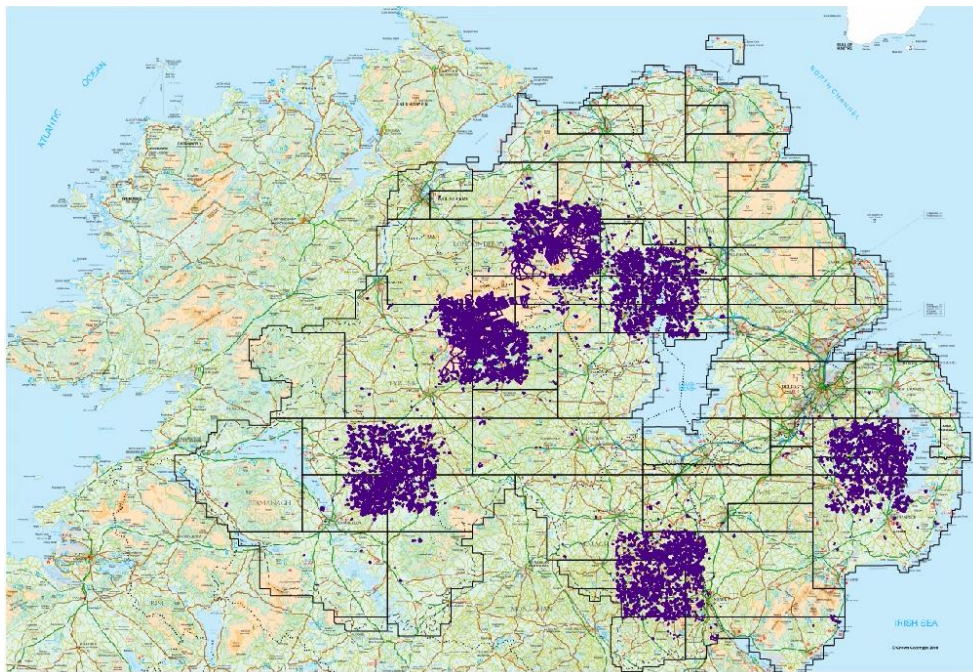
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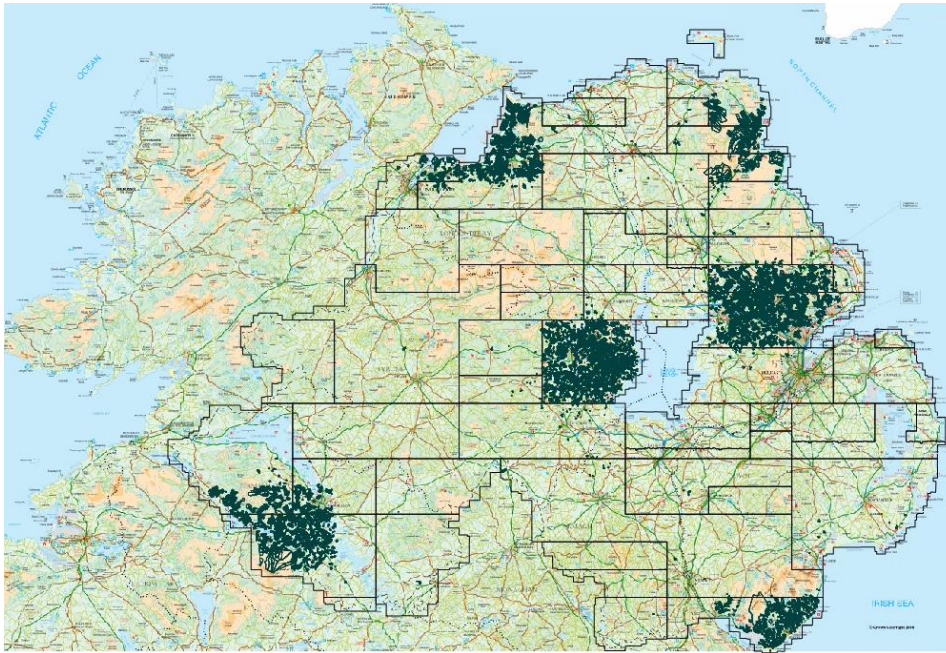
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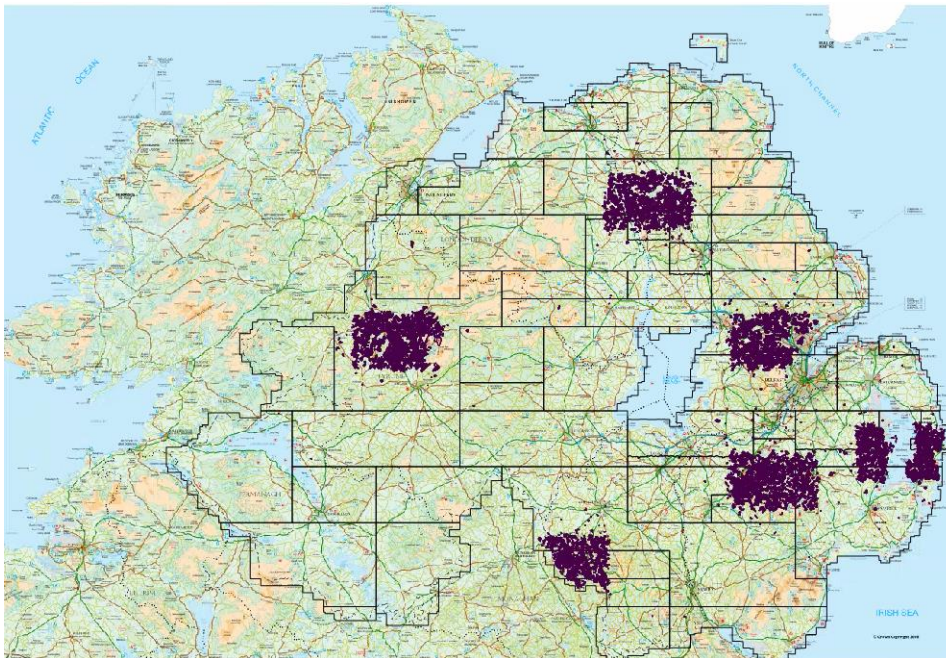
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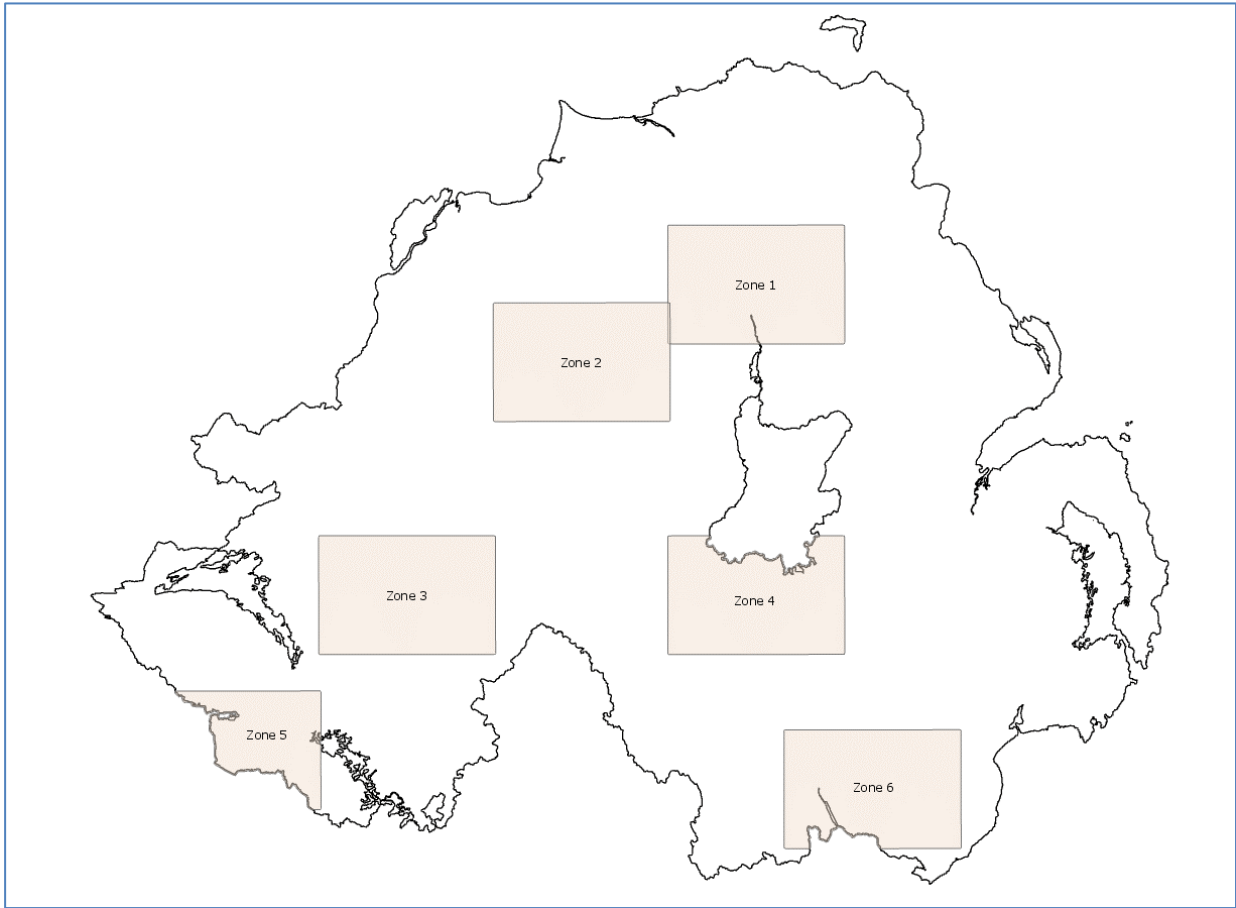


2019

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2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwin Poots'.

**EDWIN POOTS MLA**  
**Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

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