



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11203

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

1 June 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11203

I wrote to you on 23 April regarding your request for information. You asked for the following information dated or produced after 12 April 2016:

- 1 Any information held regarding the impact of the proposed A496 Llanbedr bypass/Airfield access improvements on historic and archaeological sites
- 2 Any information held regarding the cost of the A496 Llanbedr bypass/Airfield access improvement including details of any moneys granted, allocated, promised or otherwise determined for the scheme.

I can confirm that we hold information relating to your request, some of which has been enclosed. Some of this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Personal details have been redacted. Full reasoning for applying this exemption is provided at Annex A.

I have concluded that other information we hold is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the FOIA, information otherwise reasonably available. The funding allocated to Gwynedd Council for 2017-18 was included in a Welsh Government press notice which can be found at the following link: <http://gov.wales/docs/det/general/170322-ltf-grants-2017-18-en.pdf>

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

ATISN 11180 – Application for Exemption

Section 40(2) – Personal Data

Section 40(2) of FOIA requires third party personal data to be withheld in circumstances where its disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

We consider that disclosure of this personal data would breach the first data protection principle. The first data protection principle requires that processing of personal data must be fair and lawful, in particular, that it should not be processed unless one of the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of the DPA is met.

In determining whether disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, we have considered whether disclosure would amount to fair and lawful processing of those individuals' personal data. The individuals concerned do not have public facing roles. We consider that those individuals would be under reasonable expectation that their information would remain confidential and not disclosed to the public at large. As such, we do not consider that disclosure of the withheld personal data would be fair.





Guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office (Personal information (Section 40 and regulation 13) v1.0) states:


“The public authority must decide whether it would be fair to disclose the personal data. If the public authority concludes that it would not be fair, then it must not disclose the information in response to the FOIA request”

In this instance, because the individuals would have had no expectation that their personal data would be released into the public domain, we believe that release of this information would be unfair and so breach the first data protection principle. For that reason, the information is being withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is an absolute exemption and not subject to public tests.




ATISN 11203 – CAPTURED INFORMATION

Any information held regarding the impact of the proposed A496 Llanbedr bypass/Airfield access improvements on historic and archaeological sites and any information held regarding the cost of the A496 Llanbedr bypass/Airfield access improvement including details of any moneys granted, allocated, promised or otherwise determined for the scheme dated or produced after 12 April 2016.

No.	S40	Release	Information
1.	x	x	 ATISN 11203 - Doc 1 redacted.pdf <<Doc 1>> Gwynedd Council Funding Application Supporting Information
2.		x	 Gwynedd Council - LTF 2017-18 - 5111 E <<Doc 2>> Gwynedd Council Funding Application 2017-18 Supporting Information
3.		x	 5111 EXPENDITURE PROFILE 2017 01 20. <<Doc 3>> Gwynedd Council Scheme Expenditure Profile @ 20 1 17
4.		x	 5111 EXPENDITURE PROFILE 30_09_2016 <<Doc 4>> Gwynedd Council Scheme Expenditure Profile @ 30 9 16
5.	x	x	Internal WG email 20.1.17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight slippage re planning anticipated now end of Feb – considering to some positive press to coincide • £105k bid for FY17/18 likely • 3 community councils supportive and GC Cabinet • Good relations with SNPA etc re scheme requirements • XXX to investigate WEFO requirements – anticipate EOI going in early Feb but dependant upon SAC detail re on site investments/costs etc • Catch up again end of Feb WG Official – to answer your Q re alignment of timescales with that of scheme developments and those of WEFO the answer is I don't know – it will be a complicated bid I think and need to see detail to understand if everything can dovetail. Gc's other option if WEFO doesn't stack up is to include this scheme etc within the North Wales Growth deal bid to UK Gov.

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7.	x	x	<p style="text-align: center;">CYFARFOD: LLANBEDR</p> <p><i>Dydd Iau, 10 Tachwedd, 2016</i></p> <p>Yn bresennol: WG – Officials</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GC - Officials</p> <p>Ymddiheuriadau: WG Official, GC Official</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 913 1329 2069"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="336 913 432 1014">Item</th> <th data-bbox="432 913 1161 1014"></th> <th data-bbox="1161 913 1329 1014">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1014 432 1554">1.</td> <td data-bbox="432 1014 1161 1554"> <p>PROGRESS/PROGRAMME</p> <p>All environmental surveys completed.</p> <p>Design decided - no roundabout due to low traffic volumes, environmental issues and viable alternative (right turning lane)</p> <p>Environmental Statement being drafted for submission as part of planning application</p> <p>Planning submission target deadline is on or before 17th January</p> <p>Revised Programme/Gannt chart submitted to WG</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1161 1014 1329 1554"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1554 432 1933">2.</td> <td data-bbox="432 1554 1161 1933"> <p>FUNDING</p> <p>Revised spend profile shown on revised programme - less spend in 2017/18 than previously shown due to later land purchase</p> <p>Need to demonstrate funding commitment at Draft Orders/Land Acquisition Plan stage highlighted</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1161 1554 1329 1933"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 1933 432 2069">3.</td> <td data-bbox="432 1933 1161 2069"> <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Need for public update on EZ and A496 access scheme recognised</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1161 1933 1329 2069"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item		Action	1.	<p>PROGRESS/PROGRAMME</p> <p>All environmental surveys completed.</p> <p>Design decided - no roundabout due to low traffic volumes, environmental issues and viable alternative (right turning lane)</p> <p>Environmental Statement being drafted for submission as part of planning application</p> <p>Planning submission target deadline is on or before 17th January</p> <p>Revised Programme/Gannt chart submitted to WG</p>		2.	<p>FUNDING</p> <p>Revised spend profile shown on revised programme - less spend in 2017/18 than previously shown due to later land purchase</p> <p>Need to demonstrate funding commitment at Draft Orders/Land Acquisition Plan stage highlighted</p>		3.	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Need for public update on EZ and A496 access scheme recognised</p>	
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			<p>GC to issue draft newsletter to WG</p> <p>WG to outline draft press release to GC WG press release to be issued/published first followed by GC Newsletter</p> <p>Newsletter and Press Release to be presented/discussed at next EZ Board meeting (22/11/2016)</p> <p>Economic Impact Report discussed and decision ref confidentiality of supporting information on airfield development needed</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>WG</p> <p>GC/WG</p> <p>WG</p>
			<p>4 . MEETINGS EZ Board meeting 22/11/2106 at 10:30 am in Llanbedr</p> <p>YGC to provide joint update with Wavehill GC on progress/programme etc./ Wavehill on Economic Impact Assessment</p>	<p>GC/YGC/ Wavehill</p>
			<p>6 . DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD NESAF TBA/I'w gadarnhau.</p>	<p>GC</p>
8.	x	x	<p>From: Gwynedd Council Sent: 05 May 2016 09:21 To: Welsh Government Subject: RE: Funding for the Economic Impact Assessment</p> <p>Thanks for your response.</p> <p>This will be incorporated into the presentation.</p> <p>The sum of £15k was mentioned because of two reasons. Firstly, based on the price of the Pont Briwat EIA and secondly, because we discussed in the VC meeting that an assessment looking at possible scenarios for the development of the site may be the best way forward.</p> <p>I will take advise if you feel this is too high a price. Whatever funding is realistically available I suggest that this is included in the brief to ensure that the consultants do not over/under estimate the work.</p> <p>From: Welsh Government Sent: 05 May 2016 09:07 To: Gwynedd Council</p> <p>You may wish to consider including an EZ funding request for the EIA as a key next step as part of your/XXX presentation at the board meeting on the 17th ? If the Board are supportive then XXX as Chair will request officials to</p>	

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			<p>do the necessary to release funds. I don't think this prevents you working on the brief behind the scenes and XXX advised that this study would need no more than £10k.</p> <p>You will have seen my email to XXX (attached) suggesting that a meeting with YGC/GC to see if planning applications can be aligned – you may wish to include any contribution from them as part of those discussions? I've not had a reply but please urge XXX and team to follow up with a phone call to XXX.</p> <p>From: Gwynedd Council Sent: 04 May 2016 16:06 To: Welsh Government</p> <p>Just wondering how do we ask the EZ for funding for the Economic Impact Assessment and how much do we ask for? What process does XXX usually follow?</p> <p>Bearing in mind it may be an assessment based on 2 planning applications would you foresee the owners contributing?</p>
9.	x	x	 <p>RD&D Mid - EZ - Snowdonia - GC Econ</p> <p><<Doc 6>></p>
10.	x	x	 <p>ATISN 11203 - Doc 10 redacted.pdf</p> <p><<Doc 7>></p>
11.	x	x	 <p>ATISN 11203 - Doc 11 redacted.pdf</p> <p><<Doc 8>></p>