



10 October 2018

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 12570

I wrote to you on 18 September regarding your request for information. In relation to the dismantling and restoration of the Cefn Coed Colliery Museum headframes in Crynant, you asked for the following:

1. A copy of the "detailed surveys" post dismantling cited below. Who carried them out and when were they conducted?

"Detailed surveys of the structures undertaken since the dismantling works identified the extent of deterioration to be far greater and the nature of the required restoration work to be more complex than was previously anticipated. As a result, the surveys took much longer than expected to complete. This also meant that more time than previously allowed, was needed to collate and present the findings of the surveys together with a proposed plan of action to the Local Planning Authority for approval"

2. In May 2016, Neath Port Talbot Council gave planning permission for the dismantling/restoration to go ahead, with clear instructions on the timeframe for the reconstruction of the headframes (the first by Nov 2018). **Planning reference No: P2016/0144**

"Within 2 years of the dismantling of both Headframes, one of the headframes shall be fully reconstructed on site. Within 3 years of the dismantling of Headframes the 2nd headframe shall be fully reconstructed on site."



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These conditions will now not be met. Please provide details of any correspondence on this matter.

3. What date did the procurement exercise to appoint a Works Contractor to restore the headframes begin, and when is it due to be completed?

I can confirm that we hold information relating to your request:

1. The surveys were jointly undertaken by OPUS (now WSP) and their appointed Specialist Advisors, the Historic Metalwork Conservation Company Ltd, between the dates of 29th January and 2nd February 2018. The findings of the surveys can be seen in the enclosed report which was presented on the 4th April 2018.
2. For the reasons previously outlined, the project programme has been delayed such that the timescales set within the Listed Building Consent granted on 19/05/2016 are no longer achievable and to this effect, OPUS have notified the Local Planning Authority of the Welsh Government's intention to formally apply for an extension of these timescales (please see enclosed e-mail/letter). The application needs to be submitted before 09/12/2018 and to accord with the statutory requirements covering such matters.
3. The project together with an indication of the scope and nature of the required works was publicly advertised on 10th July 2018 inviting Contractors, wishing to express an interest in tendering for the works to do so by 9th August 2018. Welsh Government officials and their professional advisers are currently reviewing and evaluating the expressions of interest received, on completion of this process the successful Contractors will be invited to tender for the works. The latter was issued on 28 September, 2018 with responses due back by early November 2018 which will enable the Welsh Government to appoint a Contractor by end of November 2018.

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.

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Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

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

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

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Data Protection Officer, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, CARDIFF, CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are as outlined above.

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Yours sincerely