



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 12761

I wrote to you on 14 November regarding your request for information. You asked for the following information:

1. The current material composition of M4 road surfaces between each of the following junctions: J33 and J34; J34 and J35; J35 and J36; J36 and J37; J37 and J38; and J28 and J30.

I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

All of the surfaces between each of the junctions you have asked for are composed of Thin Surface Course System (TSCS) proprietary products. These are generally laid between 30 and 50mm thick and vary in their composition. Products of this nature are deemed as 'performance' materials and carry a 5 year guarantee which accompanies a British Board of Agreement (BBA), Highways Authority Product Approval Scheme (HAPAS) certificate. These products conform to Clause 942 of the Series 900, Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

The materials are branded and some further information may be gleaned from the HAPAS certificate in regard to composition and installation. Branded products such as 'Ultipave' and 'Tuffgrip' have been in use for approximately 25 years throughout the Welsh Strategic Network and due to the requirement of noise limitations were deemed the only available options. This requirement has recently been changed to include a greater variation of treatment options where appropriate.



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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 .

The Welsh Government is currently undergoing a process of trialling a more durable material which is intended to at least double the life of existing surfacings. Early indications suggest that the trial material is denser and less permeable to water which is the key component to durability.

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.

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
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.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- 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

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

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.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely