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Dear ,

### **Request for Information – ATISN 12836**

I wrote to you on 17 December regarding your request for information. Thank you for your response of 18 December. You asked for:

- 1. Evidence to support a statement you believe the Welsh Government has made that capacity will not be impacted by the proposed development at Bayfield Wood in Chepstow.**
- 2. Information on studies which may have been undertaken on the impact of developments being undertaken at Mabey Bridge, Lydney, Sedbury, Tutshill and Portskewett on local traffic flow (over 1000 homes), focusing on the choke point at High Beech roundabout and various feeder roads (A48/466 and others).**

The relevant information you have requested for your first question is enclosed. The analysis carried out by Welsh Government is in response to a pre-planning application, based on the information submitted by the Developer. Subject to there being no material changes at planning application stage, the Welsh Government (Network Management) is satisfied that the proposal would not significantly impact on trunk road infrastructure or air quality issues.

The Welsh Government holds some information caught by your second question. The Welsh Government is not a statutory consultee on any English planning applications as the Welsh Ministers have no authority over England and therefore cannot provide any comments. The Welsh Government is only required to comment on applications if the planning authority asks us to do so. The Welsh Government has not been consulted on the Portskewitt development. Local planning authorities only have to consult if access is direct to a trunk road or the proposal is within 67 miles of a protected trunk road line or trunk road. This decision is made on the basis of material impact in the view of the planning authority.



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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 holds some information in relation to the Maybey Bridge development. However, I have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, information otherwise available. The Welsh Government comments for this development are available on the [planning portal](#) for Monmouthshire.

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 Email: [Freedom.of.information@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.of.information@gov.wales). 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. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely