



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 12853

08 January 2019

Thank you for your request which Welsh Government received on 18 December, and your clarification in your letter of 21 December. You asked:

- “Under the Freedom of Information Act what are the First Minister’s duties of care in relation to the right of appeal to him of planning abuse from the time he was Planning Minister to the present day?”

I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. There is no recorded information held which relates to a duty of care placed upon the First Minister in relation to allegations of planning “abuse”. An explanation of why there is no such recorded information may be helpful.

Allegations of maladministration by officers of a Local Planning Authority are matters for the authority itself, and ordinarily the relevant Head of Service in the first instance. Subsequently the matter may be taken up with the authority’s Monitoring Officer. Allegations of maladministration which have led to a personal injustice may be investigated by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. Allegations of unprofessional conduct by registered town planners can be pursued via the Standards Committee of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

The Welsh Ministers have no part to play in any of these processes in relation to this specific matter, and this is why no such information is held.

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

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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.

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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