

12 August 2019

Dear ,

ATISN 13345 – Household Waste Recycling Centres

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 August about the locations of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Wales and a list of those which collect paint waste.

I have decided that the information requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and is therefore withheld. The reasons for applying this exemption is set out in full at Annex I to this letter.

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.ofinformation@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

Annex I

I have decided to withhold the following information:

Information being withheld	Section number and exemption name
A list of all HWRCs and their locations within Wales and a list of those that accept paint waste.	Section number 21: information reasonably accessible to the requester without resorting to a Fol request.

Engagement of section 21 (information reasonably accessible to the requester without resorting to a Fol request) of the FOIA.

The information requested is within the public domain and can be obtained from the websites of the 22 Welsh Local Authorities.

HWRCs which accept paint waste can be found by accessing the website: <https://www.recycleforwales.org.uk/local-recycling> and by clicking on “where to recycle a specific item”, then “Liquids and Chemicals”, then “paint, varnish”.

Section 21(1) is an absolute exemption, that is, it is not subject to the Public Interest Test.