

29 June 2020

Dear

ATISN 14076 – Information Regarding Ashbrook, Dolfor Road, Newtown

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 June 2020. You asked for the following information concerning the above property:

1. What is to happen to the property
2. Whether it can be bought direct from Welsh Government
3. Whether it is to be publicly auctioned

The information you requested is as follows:

1. I can confirm that the property is no longer required for highway purposes, and it is our aim to dispose of it as soon as possible. Unfortunately however, the sale process has been delayed due to the current health crisis.
2. It is necessary for the property to be firstly offered to various Public Sector organisations, as well as other Welsh Government Departments. We must also consider whether it needs to be offered back to the original owner, at current market value, under the provisions of the 'Crichel Down' rules. Please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/compulsory-purchase-process-and-the-crichel-down-rules-guidance>
3. If there is no expression of interest, or the offer back does not apply, or is not taken up, officials would then normally instruct a local estate agent to market the property.

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