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| By email | Eich cyfeirnod<br>Your reference           | ATISN 14122   |
|          | Ein cyfeirnod<br>Our reference             |               |
|          | Dyddiad<br>Date                            | 13 July 2020  |
|          | Llinell<br>uniongyrchol<br>Ebost<br>Email: | 0300 025 6203 |

Dear ,

### **ATISN 14122 – Contested Heritage**

Thank you for your email of Tuesday 7 July requesting:

1. Information on all of the discussions and reports made involving elected politicians and Welsh councils regarding the proposals to remove words, phrases and symbols in Wales that are linked to the slave trade and/or slave owners.
2. Information on how these words, phrases and symbols personally offend and target individuals.
3. Information on the Welsh Government's recognition of the fact that these words, phrases and symbols are historic and that they teach us about slavery and remembers it rather than glorifies it.
4. Information on all of the options considered by the Welsh Government and the councils for improving the display of contentious historical figures.

I can confirm that following a search of our records, we do not hold the information that you describe. However, the Welsh Government has recently established an independent Task and Finish Group to audit place-names and historic monuments in Wales that may be associated with slavery. The group will report to the First Minister by the end of October. The Written Statement issued by the First Minister explaining the scope of the audit is available on the Welsh Government website, link attached <https://gov.wales/written-statement-audit-public-monuments-street-and-building-names-associated-history-black>

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:

Gwasanaeth amgylchedd hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru yw Cadw, sy'n gweithio i sicrhau bod amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru yn hygyrch ac yn cael ei ddiogelu'n dda.

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service working for an accessible and well-protected historic environment for Wales.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg.  
We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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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,