



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 13858

6 August 2020

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 13858

I wrote to you on 15 May and 10 June regarding your complaint in relation to your Freedom of Information request regarding Llanbedr Airfield.

I have conducted an internal review of the request in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information](#) which is available by post on request, or via the Welsh Government website.

I note that on 11 March, the request asked for:

1. Gwynedd Council's application to the Welsh Government that led to the awarding of the Local Transport Fund, Safe Routes in Communities and Road Safety Revenue Grants on 17 April 2018 and 30 November 2018 respectively for the Llanbedr link road.
2. Gwynedd Council's business plan and delivery profile submitted to the Welsh European Funding Office on 30 April 2018 for a development at Llanbedr Airfield.

Our reply dated 7 April released the information we hold in relation to the first question, less the personal data, but withheld the information caught by the second question under regulation 12(5)(e)(confidentiality of commercial information) of the Environmental Information Regulations.



In your letter of complaint, you stated that you disagreed with our decision to withhold Gwynedd Council's business plan and delivery profile. You stated that *'Where a corporate entity stand to gain financially from tax payers money, the process for the award of that money must be absolutely transparent'*.

I have noted the original request, the response that issued and your subsequent complaint. Given you have not complained about our response to the first question, my review has focused on the withholding of Gwynedd Council's business plan and delivery profile only.

I have reviewed the information we hold in relation to your request and discussed its handling with the relevant officials. I have also considered the consultation undertaken with the affected third party. I note you state in your complaint that the process for awarding of public funds to a corporate entity must be absolutely transparent. As indicated in the reply, the withheld information relates to a commercial company namely Snowdonia Aerospace Centre LLP and its proposed future business activities. I am satisfied that if the withheld information were released into the public domain, the economic interests of the company would be adversely affected. I am further satisfied that the arguments provided in the reply dated 7 April for withholding the information are sound.

To conclude, I do not up hold your complaint for the reasons outlined above.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5LJ
Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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