

Email response

6th October 2020

Dear

ATISN 14338 - Refuse collections on Housing developments

Thank you for your request which I received on 22nd September 2020. You asked for:

Any advice, guidance or rules issued by Welsh Government to local authorities on the collection of refuse from occupied properties on housing developments when construction is ongoing, or on whether refuse vehicles should enter unadopted or made up roads.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government; no guidance or advice has been issued regarding refuse collections on housing developments.

There is however relevant legislation. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 states that it is the duty of each waste collection authority (local authorities in Wales) to arrange for the collection of household waste in its area (section 45(1)(a) and section 46(4)(b)). The local authority may discharge this duty by making adequate arrangements that require reasonable adjustments by the household. For example, if an unpaved or unadopted road is judged to be inappropriate for refuse vehicles, or to drive a refuse vehicle on a road would damage temporary paving, the local authority may arrange to collect waste from a collection point at the end of the unpaved or unadopted road.

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

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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