



Dear

13 May 2020

### **Request for Information – ATISN 15075**

I wrote to you on 22 April regarding your request for information. You requested copies of the “Environmental Surveys” which have been stated (by the NMWTRA) as having been procured by the Welsh Government in connection with the proposed road reconfiguration project referred to (by the NMWTRA) as the “A470 LLANGURIG SAFETY SCHEME.”

I can confirm that there is no formal environmental survey report to provide at this stage. Currently, appraisals are being undertaken which will help inform the next stages and a HRA – Habitats Regulations Assessment is underway.

A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is currently being produced pursuant to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This assessment is being undertaken to screen and appropriately assess the potential impacts of the Llangurig upgrade scheme on the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC), located ~200 metres to the south west. As part of this assessment, a detailed look at the potential effects on the River Wye’s ‘qualifying features’ (which include protected fish, otter and white clawed crayfish) is being carried out. Acoustics and surface water assessments have been integrated into the HRA to ensure a robust assessment is produced. Field data is also feeding into this assessment. The HRA process also includes consultation and liaison with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) before finalisation and prior to the next stage of the scheme’s design to ensure all potential effects have been analysed and appropriate ecological mitigation is designed.

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](mailto: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