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2 August 2021

Dear _____,

Request for Information – ATISN 15303

I wrote to you on 29 July regarding your request for information.

Information requested

- All information relating to the decision to reduce the speed limit from 70 mph to 50 mph on the dual carriageway between McDonalds roundabout and the Horse and Jockey roundabout in Pontypool.

Our Response

In my letter of 29 July, I explained that responding to your request would likely be very time consuming to deal with. I provided you with advice and guidance on narrowing the scope of your request to potentially bring it within scope. As I have not heard further from you, I can confirm that from my preliminary assessment, I estimate it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

Your general request asking for 'all information' means the information could potentially be caught in many documents. These would be saved on our electronic records management system, on databases and within e-mail accounts of individual officials. As outlined in my letter of 29 July, an initial search of our electronic records management system using the search phrase 'Pontypool 50mph' yields over 1,400 items. It is likely many of these may not be relevant to your request. They would still, however, need to be interrogated by myself, a road safety engineer, a route manager



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and other officials to check whether or not they were relevant to your request. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required to potentially bring it within scope. For example, you may be particularly interested in specific documents and reports relating to the decision to install and enforce 50mph at the Pontypool roundabout pedestrian crossing. If you do refine your request in this way, it will be treated as a new request. Please provide as clear description as possible as to the type of information you are looking for. There is guidance on submitting Freedom of Information requests on the Welsh Government website at <https://gov.wales/requesting-information-welsh-government.html>.

As advised in my letter of 29 July, please also note that all further signage within this area is currently temporary. However, there may be a requirement to amend the speed limit on completion of the Park and Ride at Pontypool and New Inn Station. Further information on this would be available from Torfaen County Borough Council or Transport for Wales as they as they would be responsible for this decision.

Next steps

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