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Welsh Government

By E-mail:

Ein Cyf/Our ref: ATISN 15396  
Eich Cyf/Your ref:  
Dyddiad/Date: 17 August 2021

Dear

**ATISN 15396 – RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, ESPECIALLY ONSHORE WIND.**

Thank you for your revised request which I received on 9 August. You asked for:

- Could I please expand my request to include all pre DNS/2016 applications for Onshore Wind Developments over 10MWs for the last 10, or even 20, years?

I interpreted your request as asking for copies of Welsh Ministers decisions and related Inspectors Reports for onshore windfarms above 10MW between the 1 January 2008 to 29 February 2016. You confirmed on 12 August you were happy with my interpretation of your request.

The information caught by your request constitutes environmental information so has been considered for disclosure under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). I have decided none of the information described in the enclosed disclosure list is exempt from disclosure.

Please note the disclosure list includes only those decisions made by the Welsh Ministers. Prior to 1 March 2016, planning decisions relating to onshore wind farms up to 50MW were the responsibility of Local Planning Authorities (“LPAs”), and decisions were only made by the Welsh Ministers where such planning applications were referred to the Welsh Ministers for determination (called in) or recovered for decision on appeal. The Welsh Government does not hold decisions relating to LPA decisions and you would need to contact individual LPAs to obtain any information they hold in respect of their administrative areas, for decisions on windfarms with an installed generating capacity of between 10MW and 50MW relating to applications made during the period 1 January 2008 to 29 February 2016. Equally, decisions made during this period relating to windfarms with an installed generating capacity of above 50MW were made by the now Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, and you would need to contact the relevant UK Government department to obtain details relating to those decisions.

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely