



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15456

14th September 2021

Dear

ATISN 15456 – Future Wales Plan 2040 pt2

Thank you for your request which I received on 23rd August 2021. You asked for:

10. Liaison and correspondence verbal and written between WG Energy Ministers, Cross Party Climate Change Committee and Natural Resources Wales specifically in relation to the known flood risk at Llanfair TH in informing the pre-assessed status of this area?
11. Liaison and correspondence verbal and written in respect of the consideration of distances between turbine and dwelling - Ireland and Scotland have clear guidance and prescribed distances in this regard. Why not WG?
12. Liaison and correspondence verbal and written in respect of the consideration of impact on businesses including tourism and leisure within close proximity of pre-assessed areas (700 metres) and the adverse impact on people's businesses and livelihoods

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Informative Note on Welsh Government's Position on Separation Distances

The Welsh Government requires separation distances to be determined locally based upon the rigorous assessment of local impacts. The Welsh Government believes that a rigid minimum separation distance could unnecessarily hinder the development of renewable energy projects in Wales. We have taken the consistent view that the issue of separation distances between residential premises and wind turbines is best determined locally on a case-by-case basis, taking on board locally sensitive issues such as topography, local wind speeds and directions as well as the important considerations of visual and cumulative and other impacts.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
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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