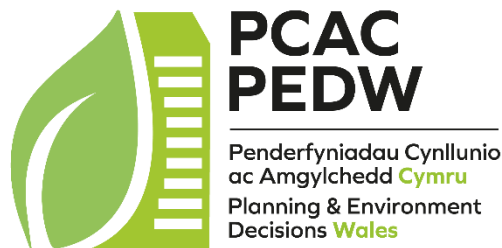


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Ein Cyf / Our Ref: ATISN 19389

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Dear ,

ATISN 19389 – Request for information

Thank you for your request which was received on 11 November 2023. You asked for the following information:

A list of all the Right of Way applications that PEDW are currently responsible for, this should include:

- the date you took them on to your caseload.
- the actions you have undertaken on them e.g. hearings arranged, hearings completed, hearings deferred, outstanding actions.
- any timetable for clearance of these cases.
- criteria you use to prioritise case clearance.

Our Response

Please find attached a list of current rights of way cases before PEDW. The list includes when they were received, action taken on them and details of current status of an individual case.

I can confirm that we do not hold a timetable for the clearance of the cases on the list.

Regular Resource Meetings are held with PEDW Leadership Team, members of the Inspector Scheduling team and Team leaders of the Casework Teams where all casework is reviewed and priorities are agreed to ensure our work is progressed in the most resource efficient way.

PEDW Casework is usually started in order of date of receipt and will be allocated

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according to the nature of the case and the availability of suitably qualified and/or experienced Inspector Resource.

Some types of casework that will be allocated as a priority because of:

- their significance in terms of delivering WG priorities (e.g. Developments of National Significance);
- the time required to consider and report / decide (e.g. Local Development Plan Examinations);
- the specialist nature of the work or availability of specialist Inspector Resource (e.g. Rights of Way work); or
- for public interest reasons.

Some cases may be prioritised for public interest reasons, for example, enforcement cases where the continuation of an alleged breach of planning control could have a significant potential harm to public amenity, or other casework where there is clear social, economic or environmental reasons why the case should be prioritised to secure a faster report or decision. These are referred to PEDW's Leadership Team for consideration and decision.

On a day to day basis, the Inspector Scheduling team identify appropriately qualified Inspectors who have availability to be allocated to a specific case. Cases waiting for a date for a hearing or inquiry, would normally be allocated in date order from when a request for an Inspector to hold an event is made.

Due to recent staff changes PEDW currently only has one appropriately qualified Inspector able to undertake Rights of Way inquiry work. To respond to resource demands PEDW are recruiting for new Planning Inspectors and plan to train a number of existing Inspectors to undertake Rights of Way casework early in 2024 which will assist in progressing a number of the outstanding cases.

Yours sincerely

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