

5 September 2024

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 20790

Thank you for your request, which I received on 3 September.

The Freedom of Information Act only provides a right to ask for copies of recorded information already held by a public organisation.

In this context you have asked for the following information:

- a) The climate change evidence “net zero” projects are based on, to justify large scale industrial onshore wind and solar farms in the Welsh countryside for Future Wales 2040 targets?
- b) Evidence used to ensure your property, in close proximity to the proposed projects, will not depreciate in value.

Your requests numbered 2, 3 and 5 in your letter do not ask for recorded information already held and would require information to be generated and therefore do not comprise valid Freedom of Information requests. You will receive a response to these matters separately.

Our Response

- a) This information is already in the public domain and is summarised in pages 45-46 of Future Wales, which can be accessed on the Welsh Government’s website at <https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/future-wales-the-national-plan-2040.pdf>. Further background documentation relating to Future Wales is available at <https://www.gov.wales/future-wales-national-plan-2040#Impactassessments>, this includes a summary of the evidence informing Future Wales: <https://www.gov.wales/future-wales-collection-evidence>
- b) We do not hold this information.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

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