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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 15118

I wrote to you on 6 May regarding your request for information. Thank you for your further correspondence dated 6 and 7 May which has been noted.

Information requested

1. Copies of documentation justifying the current setting of a 40mph speed limit on the A465 between the A4059/A465 Rhigos roundabout and the A465/A470 Cefn Coed roundabout.

Our Response

I confirm the Welsh Government holds information caught by your request. The information you have requested is contained within a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order which can be found on the Welsh Government website at: <https://gov.wales/the-a465-a470-and-a4060-trunk-roads-various-locations-between-rhymney-interchange-caerphilly-county-borough-and-glynneath-interchange-neath-port-talbot-temporary-traffic-prohibitions-and-restrictions-order-2021>.

Whilst the above is the only recorded information held by the Welsh Government, which directly answers your request, I can further advise that the Welsh Government has appointed Future Valleys Project Co Ltd to dual the last two remaining sections of the Heads of the Valleys road between Dowlais and Hirwaun. Further information about this scheme is available to see at <https://gov.wales/a465-section-5-and-6-dowlais-top-hirwaun-overview>. To enable those works to be carried out safely – and to allow for safe working space for operatives and machinery – the 40mph speed limit and occupation of one lane is necessary. Future Valleys will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction to ensure the free flowing of vehicular traffic at all times.



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.of.information@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