



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15399

06 Sept 2021

Dear

ATISN 15399 – Wind Energy Strategy Future Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 9th and 10th August 2021. You asked for:

All correspondence and liaison (both written and verbal, sent and received) and any other connections in respect of:

1. Between the relevant individual(s) in the WG Energy Department and UNLLAIS CYMRU in respect of the consultation undertaken with Llangernyw, Betws yn Rhos & Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Councils; between WG and the two relevant county councillors, Garffild Lloyd Lewis (Llangernyw) & Ifor Lloyd (Betws yn Rhos) in respect of the consultation culminating in the Future Wales Plan 2040 and the designation of pre-assessed areas.
2. Between both Lesley Griffiths & Julie James with BUTE Energy Developers personnel including Stuart George, Gemma Hamilton & David Taylor. - in general over the last 4 years and specifically in relation to proposed MOELFRE INDUSTRIAL WIND FARM development
- 2.A Between both Lesley Griffiths & Julie James and members of the BUTE Wales Advisory Group - John Davies, Dr Debra Williams, Derek Vaughan & John Uden.
3. The assessment and evidence leading to the statement (Future Wales 2040) that: "Pre-assessed areas have been subject to landscape modelling work that has found them capable of accommodating wind farm development". Please provide evidence of this landscape modelling work.
4. The Report on the Draft National Development Framework (December 2019) refers to guidance that is being developed to inform Wind Energy Developments - can I have a copy of this Guidance please?
5. Details of the Membership of the Cross Party Climate Change Group including non-political members and how they were selected.
6. Details of the commissioning process which resulted in ARUP being selected to undertake the scoping which resulted in identifying the designated areas - please provide a

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.

copy of the Tender Specification and process as well as the evidence including ecology, landscape, geological, wellbeing etc... impact assessments.

7. Details of the criticisms of the 'pre-assessed areas' and WG responses to these criticisms - e.g. Report on Draft NDF Dec. 2019 p.31 criticises the methodology used and questions whether the pre-assessed areas are fit for purpose to accommodate the large scale developments envisaged.

8. Communication between PINS and WG in respect of Future Wales 2040 development

9. records / copies of verbal liaison and correspondence including legal advice as to the decision not to apply the statutory HM Treasury Green Book evaluation and appraisal of 'natural capital' i.e. landscape to the Future Wales 2040 Plan?

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

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