

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 27 March 2023 09:04  
**Subject:** Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk

Good Morning XXX

Thank you for your response.

You do not answer my question about the Gatherings?

Also when will the Business Plan become Public ?

Look forward to your reply .

Thanks

**From:** Welsh Government  
**To:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**Sent:** 27 March 2023 09:01  
**Subject:** Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk

Dear XXX,

Apologies for the delay in my response, I was away on business in the US last week. As outlined at our last meeting we were hopeful of getting the ministerial advice ready by the end of March and that is still the case. We will inform you of the decision taken at the soonest opportunity and what the proposed next steps will be.

Thanks

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 23 March 2023 15:07  
**Subject:** Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk

Dear XXX,

I am writing further to our recent meeting, to see what the current position is of the Welsh Government, in respect of your decision making.

I have seen a copy of a Press release- issued by XXX at 1.54 on Friday 17th March- obviously to coincide with your meeting that day at Brecon with XXX and a few selected parties- including Talybont CC and BBNPA.

In the press release, which appears on the front page of the Brecon and Radnor express yesterday – the 5 Headings from the draft Business Plan are laid out.

However there is very little detail below each heading.

Most significantly there is no mention of the Gatherings which were detailed in the business plan.

Is this deliberate or a careless slip?

Why is it that still you are not making public the full true facts of the Business Plan.- So that everyone can be aware of what is proposed at Gilestone.?

I look forward to hearing your proposals.

Yours truly,

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 19 December 2022 08:10**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk**

Dear XXX

Thank you for your email, and also for your time in meeting us last Tuesday.

I am grateful for three of you coming to the meeting, and the time you all gave to the situation.

Thank you also for your apologies for the delay in getting to that position.

We will be in communication again in the New Year, and if necessary can meet again then.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 15 December 2022 14:15**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk**

Dear XXX,

Thanks for the meeting yesterday. We look forward to receiving the report in the new year and meeting again to discuss the findings.

For information I am meeting NRW next week to see if there is anything that can be done regarding projects for management of the river and its floodplain, that benefits all interests. I hope this demonstrates that we are managing the land in a proactive and sustainable/environmentally friendly way and would always do this especially with the proposed activity on site which we discussed.

Have a great Christmas and new year.

Thanks

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 14 February 2023 19:05  
**Subject:** Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk

Good evening XXX.

Thank you for confirming 9.30 next Wednesday at my Lawyers office.

I will ask XXX to forward you some directions.

Thanks

**From:** Welsh Government  
**To:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**Sent:** 14 February 2023 19:02  
**Subject:** Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk

Dear XXX,

Yes 9.30 am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at your lawyers' offices would be fine. It will be myself, XXX and XXX attending from Welsh Government.

Thanks

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 13 February 2023 17:40

**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk**

Good Afternoon XXX.

Thank you for your email.

I note your observations many of which will be responded to in full when we meet.

We may also have other questions we wish to raise - especially in light of the Audit report last week.

We would propose that we meet on Wednesday 22nd February at 9.30-10.0 at my Lawyers office in Wotton-under-Edge which is very near the M5 a short distance from the Severn Bridge.

I hope that you can make that?

If so XXX will forward clear directions.

I am sorry that we cannot meet this week but XXX has a full diary and I have a lung infection so am confined to home!

Please can you confirm who will be joining XXX and myself at the meeting.

Yours

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 10 February 2023 14:02**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk**

Dear XXX,

It is of course your decision to share the report with the Chair of PAPAC and the Auditor General, but we would appreciate the opportunity to talk through some concerns and thoughts we have on the report produced. Some of these points would include:

[Redacted – Section 43]

We can of course arrange for this conversation to take place soon and would welcome the opportunity to do so, so we can discuss the points above and other points we wish to raise. The agenda would be focussed on these.

We also understand you may not wish to meet and send the report, which is your right to do so. Our concerns are that we would envisage it will be shared with the media and then much of the detail about the report would have to be responded to publicly.

As you remember we also shared the sections of the business plan in strictest confidence so Appendix 6 and Appendix 9 which share the relevant sections of the business plan would need to be removed including the map included twice in Appendix 6 and 9.

Thanks and Regards

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 08 February 2023 17:53**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm, Talybont-on-Usk**

Good Afternoon XXX,

Thank you for your response, following XXX sending you the report yesterday.

I look forward to hearing that I can forward the report to Mark Isherwood, and the Auditor General - Adrian Compton.

I think that this is very important- in view of the remarks in the audit report- in respect of the Sporting rights - which are noted as being in separate ownership.

I also think there should be complete transparency- whereas to date the whole process has been shrouded in mystery.

Once I am allowed to do this, I am happy in principle to meet with you again, together with my Lawyer.

However I wonder what there is to discuss?- having had a very wide ranging discussion in December when we met, and you now having received an Independent report - which confirms my legal position.

Perhaps you can guide us with an Agenda.

I look forward to hearing from you soonest in respect of me releasing the report to the above named parties.

Thank you.

Yours

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 10 January 2023 22:07  
**Subject:** Fwd: 'I watched my husband die in front of me'

Dear XXX

Yet another case of people dying unnecessarily. - read attached article.

This is the 2nd story TODAY of exactly the same happening to 2 different men.

You could have another 52 NEW ambulances IF you had spent the £4.25m that you paid for Gilestone Farm - on ambulances rather than buying an unnecessary asset.

I really think and hope that you will reassess your poor decision - and try to help the people who are dying unnecessarily.

If only there were more Ambulances this may well not happen.

This is exactly what I said to you when we met in December at Gilestone.

Best

'I watched my husband die in front of me'

Rob Weekley was described by his family as a "delightful person" who saw the best in everyone. The retired architect was highly respected in music and sporting circles and captained Barry Rugby Club for many years.

But earlier this month Rob, in his hour of need, was failed by the NHS' emergency services. After complaining of indigestion and a tight chest his wife of 43 years, Lesley Weekley, decided to dial 999. Quite rightly, she feared her husband was having a heart attack.

But instead of paramedics turning up following her first call, there was a two-hour delay, by which time Rob had deteriorated to the point where he had no pulse.

When ambulance crews finally reached them, it was too late. Lesley had heroically carried out CPR as instructed by call handlers, but it was not enough to keep him alive.

Sadly, Rob's tragic case is far from unique. In November there were 4,602 life-threatening 'red' calls to the Welsh Ambulance Service - the highest number ever made in a month. Only 48% of them were reached within the target time of eight minutes, meaning thousands of patients were waiting unacceptably long amounts of time for urgent care.

There are many reasons for this poor performance, some of which are out of the control of the ambulance service, but behind these worrying figures are real people who are suffering unimaginable heartache and trauma.

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 21 August 2022 10:42**  
**Subject: Re: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Good Morning XXX.

Thank you for your email of the 18<sup>th</sup> August, suggesting a few dates for a virtual or face to face meeting.

As my Lawyer and I have both requested, we wish to be provided with a copy of the business Plan, before we are prepared to meet.

This is so that we can consider with my advisors the implications- both practical and legal, on my legal interest in the property.

I clearly set out the proposed steps in an email to XXX on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, which he acknowledged and confirmed his agreement with in his email of the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

For ease I have copied in the 2 emails below this email.

I would therefore be very grateful if you can please forward a copy of the business plan - in particular the sections of it which are relevant to my legal interest.

These legal interests are clearly set out in my lawyers - XXX - dated the 8<sup>th</sup> July, addressed to the First Minister.

We both look forward to hearing back from you , as above. We can then look at arranging a suitable date to meet.

Thank you.

Yours

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 19 July 2022 10:51**  
**Subject: RE: Gilestone Farm- Without Prejudice**

Dear XXX,

Thank you for your email and apologise for the delay in my response.

All clearly noted.

We would be very happy to meet as appropriate and I agree that a meeting may be a little premature at present?

In response to the points you raise:-

1. Noted.
2. The Business Plan is not currently available and will/is the subject of initial consideration by officials.
3. Noted and agree that the Business Plan proposals will need to be carefully considered with you to identify any issues/implications.
4. I agree that a meeting should be held with the appropriate persons in attendance at a time that suits and when the most benefit can be achieved from the discussion.

We hope to be in touch again in the near future.

Many thanks.

With Kind Regs,

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 14 July 2022 12:49**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm- Without Prejudice**

Good Afternoon XXX.

Thank you for your email earlier in the week.- and for updating me about today's Senedd review.

Further to your email, and the Senedd's review of the purchase, I think there is no point in looking at a meeting at the moment.

I await.



1. A response to my solicitors letter, a copy of which you received. This will probably be from the Senedd's legal dept.to my Lawyer.

2. I await receiving a copy of the Business Plan that you refer to, and which was referred to ,often, in the review this morning.

3. I will then wish to review the Business Plan and its implications, with my advisors. This is to see how the potential uses of the property may possibly impinge on my legal rights over the property.

4. Then I can look at a possible meeting, and who should be present. It may well require my Lawyer or other advisors to be present.

I hope this clarifies my position?

Thanks again.

Yours

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 18 August 2022 14:59**  
**Subject: RE: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Dear XXX,

Apologies for not being in touch sooner, but I have had a period of leave and currently XXX is away on his leave.

Would the following dates be ok for a meeting, and would you like this to be a virtual meeting or in person:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> (after 3pm)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August (afternoon – after 1.30pm)
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – (anytime after 12)
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (anytime)

The last two options are the best if your preference is for a face to face meeting.

At the meeting we can talk through the draft business plan which we are still undertaking due diligence on and focus on what business activity is planned for the site and the implications for your shooting and fishing rights.

I have also copied in [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)] as we have received a letter from him on your behalf yesterday.

Thanks

**From:** Welsh Government  
**To:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**Sent:** 24 June 2022 14:36  
**Subject:** RE: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Hi XXX,

I hope you are well.

Many thanks for your email following our chat earlier in the week.

I note the points you raise. In response:-

- The extent of the property appears to be close to 242 acres in total. I attach a plan which was the basis of the site for purchase (edged red). I am rechecking this with our advisors.
- I am liaising with XXX on dates at present and because of various work and annual leave commitments between us all - we are probably looking at mid-August at the earliest - but will be in touch again on this to confirm.
- As you indicate, we will keep you appropriately advised of developments in the use and letting of the farm.

I hope to be in touch again shortly.

Thank you.

With Kind Regards,

**From:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**To:** Welsh Government  
**Sent:** 23 June 2022 13:11  
**Subject:** Re: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Good morning XXX

Thank you for your time on Tuesday.

Following that conversation you kindly agreed to send me via email a copy of the plan of the land that you have purchased.

I think this amounts to about 240 acres - whereas the original holding was 299 acres.

I am interested to know which land was not sold to you please.

- you were going to send some possible dates for a meeting?

- you also agreed to keep me informed of any developments in your discussions with regard to the future use / lease of the Farm.

- I look forward to hearing further on the above points.

Thanks for your time and help.

Yours.

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 20 June 2022 20:14**  
**Subject: RE: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Dear XXX,

Thank you for your email, following our earlier discussion.

Sincere apologies for failing to respond sooner. I have to confess that I somehow missed your email despite looking out for it.

I note the contents and the concerns that you have raised. I presume that the rights that you have indicated are being enjoyed at present without any issues?

In terms of the future use of the site, this as you say, this has yet to be fully determined so the implications for the site at present is somewhat speculative. However, it may be possible to identify on a plan the pertinent issues across the site that may help focus any discussion? Do you think that is achievable?

In terms of a meeting, I would be happy to do this at a time that suits.

I have also picked up your voice message so I will give you a call tomorrow morning to discuss next steps.

Many thanks,

With Kind Regards,

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 08 June 2022 15:48**  
**Subject: Re: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm**

For the Attention of Welsh Government

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

GILESTONE FARM PURCHASE.

I am writing further to our telephone conversation last Monday-30th May.

As agreed following our conversation I am copying in your colleague [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)], and also my [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)] of Margraves.

As discussed I wanted to make sure that as purchasers of Gilestone Fram , that you are fully aware of the rights that I have over Gilestone Fram.

[Redacted – Section 43].

These rights are not exhaustive but are the principle ones in the conveyance.  
My Concerns.

As I mentioned there have been a number of articles in the Press, and on television and social media. -That you are considering leasing the farm to The Green Man Festival.

I appreciate that you are still uncertain of the exact detail of its use- but you indicated that discussions are ongoing with the Green Man management team.-hence why I should copy in [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)].

My concerns are as follows.

[Redacted – Section 43]

This letter sets out the main rights and my current main concerns. These not by any means exhaustive, or fully comprehensive. I am sure there are some that I have missed, but which our solicitors may well raise in due course.

I look forward to hearing further from you and hearing more about your plans and proposals.

It may be advantageous for us to meet up, so that we can have a face to face meeting to consider the many implications.

I am available on my mobile - [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)] - or by email at most times.

Yours Sincerely

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 20 June 2022 21:14**  
**Subject: Re: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Dear XXX

Thank you for your email.

I look forward to having a conversation tomorrow.

Thank you for responding.

The rights cover the whole property ,property, so any discussions are in respect of the whole farm and river. So quite difficult to identify particular areas..

I think a meeting may be the best way forward , - so perhaps we can fix a date over the next few weeks.

Speak in the morning .

Best Wishes

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 27 May 2022 17:08**  
**Subject: Re: Introduction**

Good Afternoon XXX.

I have tried calling you twice today without success!

I have now left a message on your answer machine together with my mobile number.

I hope that we can speak on Monday

My mobile number is [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)]

Have a good weekend

Yours

**From: Welsh Government**  
**To: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**Sent: 26 May 2022 11:56**  
**Subject: RE: Shooting and Fishing Rights at Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Dear XXX,

Thanks for the emails.

Noted.

The best number to contact me on tomorrow would be [Personal information redacted – S. 40(2)].

Many thanks,

Regs,

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 26 May 2022 10:52**  
**Subject: Re: Introduction**

Good Morning XXX

I would very much like to have a quick conversation with you if that is possible?

Is there a number I could call you on please?

I am busy today but could call you tomorrow if that suited

Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours

**From:** Welsh Government  
**To:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**Sent:** 30 May 2022 09:23  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction

Good morning XXX,

Thank you for your email.

Apologies for missing your message on Friday. Sincere apologies.

I am at work today and just in something at present - but free at 10.00 onwards. I can call you then or any other time at your convenience.

Look forward to speaking.

With Kind Regards

**From:** Welsh Government  
**To:** Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights  
**Sent:** 11 July 2022 15:21  
**Subject:** RE: Gilestone Farm. - WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear XXX,

I hope you are well.

Many thanks for your email and attachment.

All noted.

There will be an official response to your solicitor's letter in the normal way, but in the meantime, I can confirm that the Minister's portfolio under which the purchase was made is Vaughan Gethin MS Minister for Economy.

I was in the process of writing to you anyway to advise that firstly, the purchase of the farm is now to be reviewed at the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee Session on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 but which you are already aware. Secondly, we have recently received the Green Man Business Plan which is in the process of an initial assessment. Once this is done then we will be in touch to discuss any implications. I would expect this to be in the coming weeks. Apologies, but would you

kindly re-confirm the dates that you could be available to meet in in late July/ August.  
Thank you.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

With Kind Regards,

**From: Owner of the Shooting and Fishing Rights**  
**To: Welsh Government**  
**Sent: 08 July 2022 16:10**  
**Subject: Re: Gilestone Farm**

Good Afternoon XXX

I wanted to share with you and XXX a letter which my Solicitor has sent today to the First Minister and James Evans - our local Senedd member.

It confirms my legal position in regard to the rights that I have on and over Gilestone.

I wanted to keep you "in the loop"

Yours