

11 July 2023

Dear

### **ATISN 18612 Ruperra Castle**

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 16 June. You asked for (i) details about the current level of risk of scheduled monument Ruperra Castle, (ii) the date of the last condition survey and the details contained therein, (iii) whether Cadw believes one of the towers is about to collapse, and (iv) if Cadw is proactively doing anything to prevent collapse.

I will take your questions in order:

- (i) Monument at Risk level = “High immediate”.
- (ii) The condition was last recorded on 28 June 2023. The condition trend was recorded as “worsened severe”, current condition as “unfavourable” with “high vulnerability” and the monument at risk level “high immediate”.
- (iii) The owner is responsible for the management of the monument. We hold no information that corroborates the claim that a tower is about to collapse.
- (iv) Cadw is in contact with the owner and his team of consultants. We have been encouraging the owner to record the structure and to commission a structural survey and options appraisal to identify conservation options to arrest deterioration.

### **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 the Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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,