

8 November 2023

Dear

ATISN 19154

Thank you for your request which I received on 16 October 2023. You asked for:

Paperwork relating to the registered historic park and garden (Cadw ref: Shotton Steelworks Garden PGW(C)76(FLT)) after it was first added to the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales by Cadw in 2011, relating to its registered status and for correspondence, reports and memoranda of Cadw in relation to this. In correspondence seeking clarification you explained on 17th October that your purpose in making this request is *'to try to establish what actions Cadw has taken in response to unauthorised activity on site'*.

In follow-up email correspondence you further explained that you are *'trying to ascertain whether Flintshire CC, the enforcing authority, has taken any notice of complaints of illegal modification of the site.'*

Our response

Your request seeks to establish what actions Cadw has taken in response to unauthorised activity at the registered garden. Cadw is in ongoing discussion with Flintshire County Council and the current site owners to establish what has taken place in the registered garden and to discuss a way forward which respects the significance of the site. The Cadw correspondence that falls within the scope of your request, being Cadw's response to activities on site during 2023 until the date of your letter of 26 September 2023, is enclosed.

On 23 October 2023 I also sent you the already published information below, but you explained that you already had this information:

- Register of Landscapes, Parks & Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales (non-statutory register) entry (2011)
- Register of Landscapes, Parks & Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales (non-statutory register) map (2011)
- Register of Historic Parks & Gardens (statutory register) entry (2022)
- Register of Historic Parks & Gardens (statutory register) map (2022)

I also explained that when Cadw first registered the site it was attributed to Sylvia Crowe. However, following information in 2016 from the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust, suggesting Brenda Colvin's involvement, we carried out further research, including a visit to the Colvin archive at the MERL in Reading.

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