



Ein Cyf/Our ref: ATISN 26320  
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Dyddiad/Date: 6 November 2025

Dear ,

**ATISN 26320**

**Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 31 October 2025. You asked for:

Datasets related to planning and development, which I believe are held by your office. Specifically, I am interested in obtaining the following information in **shapefile (.shp)** format or any other relevant details related to the following:

- **Settlement Boundaries:** Defined perimeters that delineate areas where new development is generally permissible, contingent upon compliance with additional policies outlined in the Plan concerning the Council's developmental guidelines and restrictions.
- **Article 4 Directions:** Specific legal tools used by local planning authorities to restrict permitted development rights in an area, primarily to protect the character of conservation areas or other significant architectural or historical significance.
- **Conservation Areas:** Designated zones notable for their special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
- **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA):** A comprehensive evaluation conducted to identify suitable land for housing development, aiming to ensure a sufficient supply to meet anticipated housing needs over a specific period.
- **Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)** in the UK are legal mechanisms used by local planning authorities to protect specific trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in the interest of amenity.

Could you please provide these datasets in the requested format at your earliest convenience?

## **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. In order to obtain the information requested, you would need to contact and make a Freedom of Information request to each separate local planning authority in Wales to ascertain if the information requested is available. You should also note that they are not required to provide the information in a specific format, unless it has been produced in the format you request.

## **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](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.

## **Data Protection**

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and e-mail address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your

request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.  
Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

Yours sincerely,

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.