

14 January 2026

Dear

ATISN 26525 – Enforcement Notice Appeals by the former Secretary of State

Thank you for your request submitted on 20 December 2025, which I received on the 22 December 2025.

Your request asks for:

- In 1990 the Secretary of State issued decisions on enforcement appeals, relating to the Funship site at Llanerchymor, Nr Holywell, CH89DX.
- Copies of any decision letters, determinations, or records issued by the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to these enforcement appeals.
- Copies of any correspondence or records relating to the award of costs against Delyn Borough Council arising from these appeal decisions.
- Any transferred or inherited records held by the Welsh Government following devolution that originate from the Wales Office or Secretary of State for Wales concerning these appeals.

If no such records are held, confirmation of whether the Welsh Government believes these records were:

- transferred to The National Archives,
- destroyed in accordance with a records retention schedule, or
- retained by another public body.

Response

The information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government's retention period for holding records is 10 years. However, the information may have been transferred to the National Archives in either Aberystwyth or Kew. You can seek the information at:

Aberystwyth: [Search the catalogue - National Library of Wales](#)

Kew: [Website search | The National Archives](#)

Please note you may need to register prior to searching the sites and charges may be incurred in receiving copies of any information, if held.

Responsibility for maintenance of the public planning register, however, lies with Local Planning Authorities in the first instance. This includes the decision notice relating to any planning or enforcement appeal for an application within an Authority's area. In this case, Flintshire County Council succeeded Delyn Borough

Council in 1996 and inherited this responsibility. The Council should be able to produce a copy of the relevant appeal decisions.

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.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

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

Yours sincerely