

5th March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26721 Welsh Government Land Ownership at Abercwmboi (NSA 6)

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 16th February 2026. You asked for:

Under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, please provide the following regarding Welsh Government-owned land at the former Phurnacite site in Abercwmboi:

1. **Ownership Plan:** A clear map showing the extent of land currently held by the Welsh Government (or its subsidiaries/predecessors) at this site, specifically identifying the "access strip" or perimeter land.
2. **Infrastructure Responsibility:** Any records regarding the responsibility for maintaining drainage channels or culverts on Welsh Government-owned land at this site.
3. **Flood Risk Assessments:** Any reports or correspondence from the last 3 years (2023–2026) regarding the displacement of surface water from the Welsh Government land parcels onto neighbouring residential properties or sports fields.
4. **Remediation Liability:** Documentation detailing any residual environmental liabilities held by the Welsh Government following the 2005–2013 remediation project.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed:

1. **Ownership Plan** - The Welsh Government owns the land registered under title number CYM234249, as shown on the attached plan. The Welsh Government also owns part of the unadopted access road leading to this holding. No document held by the Welsh Government identifies an "access strip" or "perimeter land". The only historic reference located is a 1978 Conveyance (Cynon Valley Borough Council → WDA), which created a public right of way between points D–E, but this land does not form part of CYM234249 and does not correspond to any land we currently own. The Welsh Government holds no further information identifying the "access strip".
2. **Infrastructure Responsibility** - Under the 1978 Conveyance, the former WDA covenanted to maintain ditches, watercourses, culverts and conduits on the land it held at that time. Where parcels from that conveyance have subsequently been disposed of, this obligation has been passed to purchasers. The Welsh Government currently undertakes only routine clearing of surface-water gullies on the section of unadopted roadway it owns. No other watercourse-management responsibilities are recorded.

- 3. Flood Risk Assessments (2023–2026)** The Welsh Government holds no reports or correspondence from the period 2023–2026 concerning displacement of surface water from its landholdings at this site onto neighbouring residential properties or sports fields. No such issues have been raised or identified.
- 4. Remediation Liability (2005–2013 project)** The Welsh Government holds no documentation on the deed system relating to any residual environmental liabilities arising from the 2005–2013 remediation project. No such documents have been identified within the legal file.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you 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.

Yours sincerely,