

10/03/2026

Dear

ATISN 26781

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 March. You asked for:

- “1. Any policy documents, internal guidance, briefings, or strategy papers that discuss or consider the denotification or dedesignation of any SSSIs in the Welsh uplands across Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys.
2. Any correspondence (including emails, letters, and meeting minutes) between Welsh Government officials and Natural Resources Wales (NRW), or any other bodies, regarding the potential removal or modification of SSSI designations in the Welsh uplands across the counties as set out above.
3. Any assessments, reviews, or evaluations carried out by or on behalf of the Welsh Government into the viability, appropriateness, or necessity of existing SSSI designations in the Welsh uplands across Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys.
4. Any plans, proposals, or decisions — at any stage of development — to denotify, dedesignate, or alter the boundaries of SSSIs in the Welsh uplands in Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys, including any sites currently under review.
5. Any communications with landowners, farming unions, or industry representatives regarding changes to SSSI designations in the Welsh uplands in Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys.
6. The number of SSSIs in the Welsh uplands Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys that are currently under review, have been denotified, or are being considered for denotification, along with the names and grid references of any such sites where held.

The relevant time period for this request is the last five years (7 March 2021 to 7 March 2026), unless otherwise specified.”

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

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Yours sincerely