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Dear

ATISN 26991

FOI/EIR request - Welsh Building Safety Programme building list

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 18/05/26 You asked for:

A copy of the most recent available list of residential high-rise buildings in scope of the Welsh Building Safety Programme, Welsh Building Safety Fund, Building Remediation progress statistics, or any related fire-safety remediation route.

For each building where held:

- Building name
- Full address
- Postcode
- Local authority area
- Height band or number of storeys
- Number of residential units, if held
- Programme/status category, for example: expression of interest, survey/assessment pending, survey/assessment complete, works planned, works in progress, works complete
- Whether the building is in scope because of cladding, other fire-safety defects, height/residential use, or another reason
- Date the record was last updated

Our responses

Request 1

A copy of the information I have decided to release is enclosed. I have decided that some of the information requested is exempt from disclosure under sections 38 and 43 of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore withheld. The reasons for applying these exemptions are set out in full at Annex 1 to this letter.

Your request allows for the information to be anonymised by Postcode District (e.g., CF10) and Local Authority. The accompanying data set provides the information available using the anonymised format.

An explanation of the various status of works is included below

- Awaiting Surveys – Either surveys have been commissioned, scheduled, completed and awaiting final report and / or final survey reports obtained - assessing results before works can be planned /scoped.
- Works not started – All required surveys are complete, undertaken, preplanning being undertaken before works can start such as negotiating access licenses, trending / negotiating contact, planning permissions.
- Works started – All surveys undertaken, contracts appointed and fire safety works underway.
- Works completed – All fire safety works have been completed, relevant sign off has been obtained.

I have included the types of external / internal works where possible, but for some buildings I am still awaiting details of the exact types of works required.

The reuse of the data provided is covered by the Open Government Licence, please see the link below.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence>

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

Annex 1 - Application of exemptions/exceptions

The Freedom of information Act/Environmental Information Regulations provide a right for anyone to ask a public authority to make requested information available to the wider public. As the release of requested information is to the world, not just the requester, public authorities need to consider the effects of making the information freely available to everybody. Any personal interest the requester has for accessing the information cannot override those wider considerations.

I have decided to withhold the following information:

Information being withheld	Section number and exemption name
Addresses of buildings	Section 38 – Endangering health and safety
Addresses of buildings	Section 43 – Commercial Interests

Engagement of Section 38 – Endangering health and safety

This exemption applies to when the request would or would likely endanger anyone's physical or mental health or safety. The Welsh Government believes that disclosing the full addresses of the buildings would have a detrimental impact on the people living in those buildings. Disclosure would make public the full address of buildings previously identified as being at higher risk of fire related issues. We consider this a health and safety issue as there is the potential for these buildings to be targeted by those with malicious intent and/or to cause harm.

In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information, despite the exemption being applicable, for reasons of transparency. We believe that the impact of physical or mental health or safety of those residing in these properties outweighs any wider public interest that would be served by disclosing that information.

Engagement of Section 43 – Commercial prejudice

The exemption applies when complying with the request would prejudice or would likely prejudice commercial interests.

The Welsh Government consider that to release the information into the public domain, could have a negative financial impact on leaseholders by way of tarnishing the building, affecting property prices, insurance premiums and service charges for apartments within these buildings.

In line with the terms of this exemption, we have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information, despite the exemption being applicable, for reasons of transparency.

Welsh Government acknowledges the public interest in the safety of medium and high-rise buildings in Wales. It also accepts there is public interest in progress being made to remediate buildings that have been affected.

It is not in the public interest for people living in these buildings to suffer financially.

As such, on balance, we feel there is no specific or sufficiently strong countervailing interest to allow leaseholders to suffer such a loss, so the balance of public interest lies with withholding this information.