

9 June 2026

Dear

ATISN 27055 - Correspondence Concerning Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) and Unusual Aerial Incidents in Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 May 2026.

You asked for:

Copies of any correspondence, communications, emails, briefing notes, reports, meeting minutes, memoranda, or other recorded information held by the Welsh Government between 1 January 2020 and the present date concerning:

- Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP)
- Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)
- Unidentified aerial activity
- Unexplained aerial observations
- Unusual aerial incidents occurring within or affecting Wales

This request includes, but is not limited to, communications between the Welsh Government and any of the following organisations:

- Ministry of Defence (MOD)
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- National Air Traffic Services (NATS)
- Home Office
- Welsh police forces
- UK Space Agency
- Cabinet Office
- Any other UK Government department or public authority

Relevant records may contain terms including:

- UAP
- UFO
- Unidentified aerial phenomenon
- Unidentified flying object
- Unidentified aerial activity
- Unknown aircraft
- Unexplained lights
- Orb(s)
- Unusual aerial incident

Where exemptions apply to specific information, I request that exempt material be redacted and the remaining information released where possible.

Our response

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

We conducted an initial search of records using the terms 'UAP', 'UFO' and 'Orb' and 'Unknown Aircraft'. This generated more than 50,000 possible records on our corporate filing system. We estimate it would take approximately 1 minute to retrieve and review each item. This indicates a minimum of 833 hrs to identify whether or not we hold any information that would be caught by your request, as drafted.

Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

You may wish to make a fresh request based on more specific search criteria for example by:

- Reducing the time period (for example, a specific year or shorter timeframe)
- Limiting the subject matter (e.g. focusing on formal reports or briefings rather than all correspondence)
- Specifying particular organisations or interactions (e.g. Welsh Government + MOD only)
- Focusing on a specific incident, event, or policy area, if relevant.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new 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

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