

28 September 2026

Dear

ATISN 27440 – Information relating to the Taff's Well Quarry Flooding Incident

Thank you for your request which I received 31 August 2026 relating to the flooding incident at Taff's Well Quarry. You asked for:

From 30 July 2026 onwards, copies of all recorded correspondence and communications between the Welsh Government and the following bodies concerning the incident:

- * Health and Safety Executive;*
- * Natural Resources Wales;*
- * Cardiff Council;*
- * Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council;*
- * South Wales Police;*
- * South Wales Fire and Rescue Service;*
- * Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water;*
- * Public Health Wales;*
- * Animal and Plant Health Agency;*
- * Breedon Group or its representatives; and*
- * any other public body, regulator or agency involved in the response or investigation*

Copies of any meeting agendas, minutes, notes, action logs or formal updates exchanged between the Welsh Government and those organisations concerning:

- * the cause of the flooding;*
- * the release of water from historic mine workings;*
- * the respective roles of the organisations involved;*
- * the progress and anticipated timescale of any investigation;*
- * the safety of the quarry, historic mine workings or surrounding area;*
- * water sampling, water quality or environmental effects;*
- * the resumption of quarrying or blasting operations;*
- * communication with residents; and*
- * support for affected or displaced households.*

Response

All recorded communication between the 30 July and the date of your correspondence (31 August) between the Welsh Government and these organisations relating to the issues highlighted above have been included within the responses to the questions below.

1. Copies of any reports, assessments, sampling results, technical advice or other findings received by the Welsh Government from HSE, NRW or any other agency concerning the incident.

Response; The documents received by Welsh Government which apply to this part of the request have been included within a separate email titled 'Correspondence Emails' which will be provided in a separate email response due to its size and number of attachments.

2. The dates and attendees of any multi-agency meetings or calls attended by Welsh Government officials concerning the incident, together with the name of the organisation responsible for coordinating each meeting.

Response

All Multi-Agency Recovery Co-ordinating Group (RCG) Gwaelod-y-Garth Flooding Incident meetings were coordinated by Cardiff Councils Emergency Management Unit. Due to its size further information relating to these meetings is included in a separate accompanying email titled 'Multi-Agency Recovery Co-ordinating Group'.

3. Confirmation of which Welsh Government division, directorate or senior official is responsible for coordinating the Welsh Government's response, and the date on which that responsibility was assigned.

Response

Officials from the Mining Legacy, Water and Flood Division, which is based within the Local Government, Housing, Climate Change and Rural Affairs Directorate led on the Welsh Government Response. Officials became aware of the incident on the day that it occurred (30 July).

4. Copies of any requests made by the Welsh Government to Breedon Group, HSE, NRW or another body for information, action or public communication concerning the incident.

Response

The documents received by Welsh Government which may apply to this part of the request have been included within a separate email response titled 'Correspondence Emails' due to its size and number of attachments.

5. Copies of any advice, briefing or recommendations provided to Welsh Ministers concerning the incident, including advice about resident safety, future blasting, environmental effects, public communication or support for displaced households.

Response

The recorded information that applies to this part of the request has been included within a separate email response titled 'Briefings' due to its size and number of attachments.

If you have any queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

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Yours sincerely