

28 September 2025

Dear

ATISN 27551 - Create urban farming (allotments) and dog-free areas in local green spaces

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 September 2026. You asked for: Information regarding Recommendation 4 “Create urban farming (allotments) and dog-free areas in local green spaces”. This was obtained from the Climate Cymru Black Asian & Minority Ethnic Community Group Report which was published on the Welsh Government internet site on 6 November 2024.

You asked for:

1. Origin of the recommendation
2. Consultation evidence concerning dogs
3. Evidence and rationale for Recommendation 4
4. Commissioning and methodology
5. Welsh Government review and drafting
6. Alternatives considered
7. Status and intended effect of Recommendation 4
8. Subsequent use or implementation
9. Records no longer held

Our response

The Community Dialogue Project was a small pilot research project to gain insight into ethnic minority people’s experience of racism in support of the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan (ARWAP). The research request was directed specifically towards ethnic groups based in Wales and to cover the sectors that come under the umbrella of Climate Change, Rural Affairs, Environmental Sustainability & Food Policy.

The report mentioned in your request, is a record of conversations and testimonies of people of ethnic minority background in Wales, talking about their experiences of racism and their ideas and ambitions for climate change and environmental matters. All comments and observations made in the report, including the recommendations, are the views and opinions of the Community Group and the members they engaged with. The metadata of the research carried out by the Community Group was not supplied to Welsh Government and we do not have access to any of the conversations (recording/transcripts/interviews/discussions etc) and therefore do not hold details relating to 1; 2; 3; 5; 6; 7; 8 or 9 of your request.

I can provide you details that relate to number 4 of your request. I have attached to this letter the initial Welsh Government ask in support of the Anti-Racism Action Plan Community Dialogue Research Project. The document mentions the funding available and provides some outline inspiration and suggestions for dialogue topics for any Community Groups interested in participating in this project. This Welsh Government document does not contain any reference to dogs or any other animals.

The reports created by the five community groups who took part in this pilot project are accessible to you via the Welsh Government website.

[Anti-racist Wales evidence reports: understanding racism in environment and climate change sector | GOV.WALES](#)

These were published verbatim, alongside an overview evidence report which was created based on the information provided within the five Community Dialogue Project Reports. There is also an additional but separate piece of research conducted by ACCESS (Advancing Capacity for Climate & Environmental Social Science).

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

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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