



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

13 April 2021

ATISN 14997 – Clean Air Plan Summary of Responses

Dear,

Thank you for your Information Request Form requesting correspondence relating to the decision not to publish in full all responses to the Welsh Government consultation document WG41029 – The Clean Air Plan for Wales: Healthy Air, Healthy Wales.

The decision not to publish all responses to this consultation in full was taken in line with Welsh Government policy guidance on the publication of responses section 13.6 reproduced at Appendix A. In line with this guidance the volume and format of responses was assessed as too high to warrant full publication (1,210 contributors which would have required review and redaction of personal information).

The email reproduced at Appendix B to Policy Support did not receive a response in line with their COVID-19 working practices in place at the time. Correspondence relating to the reason for this is reproduced at Appendix C.

Following a review of electronic and written records from the period there are no additional items held.

I trust that this information will resolve your query.

Yours sincerely,

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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Appendix A

Policy Guidance – publication of responses

- 13.6 If you consider that publication of the responses to a specific consultation is impractical (perhaps because of volume or format issues), you should discuss it with PSU. As a minimum, you must be prepared to make the responses available on request. You should save responses to iShare, with an appropriate privacy marking. But you should also make sure that they are deleted after 3 years (or whatever other period you have specified). Under the General Data Protection Regulation, we cannot keep people's data indefinitely without good reason.
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Appendix B (Personal identifiers redacted)

From: REDACTED
Sent: 01 June 2020 17:37
To: PolicySupport REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: Draft Clean Air Plan Consultation

Hi

I'm hoping that you are able to help with a query regarding publishing responses to a consultation.

The Air Quality team recently ran a consultation on the draft Clean Air Plan and we are currently looking through the responses to the same.

I note from the guidance on consulting that we should publish all responses if practical and if not, we should discuss this with the Policy Support Unit. As illustrated by the table below we received a large number of consultation responses in various formats so in my view it is not practical to publish them, particularly with the pressures of Covid-19 on all teams. We have all the responses available in their various formats and would be able to publish them if requested.

Is there anything further we need to do if we do not intend to publish all the responses?

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Consultation Statistics

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| Written responses (e.g. handwritten, email, documents) | | 90 |
| Online responses | | |
| Full | 99 | |
| Partial | 74 | |
| Sub-total of online responses | | 173 |
| Petitioners | | 823 |
| Consultation events and participants | | |
| Aberystwyth | 20 | |
| Wrexham | 33 | |
| Cardiff | 71 | |
| Sub-total of consultation event participants | | 124 |
| Total number of contributors | | 1,210 |

Thanks

Best wishes

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Appendix C - (Personal identifiers redacted)

From: Redacted

Sent: 16 March 2021 15:55

To: Redacted

Cc: Redacted

Subject: RE: Draft Clean Air Plan Consultation

Hi REDACTED

At the time of the below email to the Policy Support mailbox, all staff in the Integrated Policy Making Team were redeployed to Covid work and you would have received an out of office email to that effect. The automated email which had been set on the mailbox at that time covered a wide range of matters but contained the following paragraph pertinent to your query:

Do I have to publish all my consultation responses?

You do not have to publish all your consultation responses but it is good practice to do so. You should at least have them available should someone ask for them. You will need to inform or update your lead minister to advise them of the date of their publication. More information can be found in Section 12 and 13 of the [Guidance](#).

The consultation guidance requires publication of a summary of responses *and the actual responses where practicable* but does acknowledge that this may not be practicable (eg because of volume or format issues). The guidance to which you were directed makes it clear that the responses should be saved to iShare and, as a minimum, you must be prepared to make them available on request. The email from REDACTED below indicates that that is what you were planning to do.

Hope this helps

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