



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15447

20 September 2021

Dear

ATISN 15447 – Y Bryn Wind Farm

Thank you for your request which I received on 23 August 2021. You asked for:

1. The criteria used by The Welsh Assembly Government in respect of the pre-approval of the proposed site known as Mynydd Margam (Neath Port Talbot) and Mynydd Garnwen (Bridgend County and Neath Port Talbot boundary) for suitability of use in the proposed 'Y Bryn' Windfarm Development of National Significance (DNS).
2. Copies of ALL correspondence (email, verbal and telephone transcripts) between Welsh Assembly Government and the company Coriolis Energy Limited (22-24 King Street SL6 1EF) from 1st January 2016 to date.
3. Copies of ALL correspondence (email, verbal and telephone transcripts) between Welsh Assembly Government and the company ESB (Two Gateway, Dublin 3 DO3 A995) from 1st January 2016 to date.
4. Copies of ALL correspondence (email, verbal and telephone transcripts) between Welsh Assembly Government and Natural Resources Wales from 1st January 2016 to date.
5. What protocols exist that ensure Natural Resources Wales comply with all instruction set down by Welsh Assembly in respect of the tendering of public land.

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.

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6. Copies of all correspondence between Welsh Assembly Government and Natural Resources Wales in respect of the authority given for NRW to put Mynydd Margam and Mynydd Garnwen out for tender.
7. Copies of ALL correspondence (email, verbal and telephone transcripts) between Welsh Assembly Government and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council with regards the proposed development known as 'Y Bryn' Windfarm, from 1st January 2016 to date, including discussions and agreements with regards the removal or alteration of public pathways and cycle routes.
8. Copies of ALL correspondence (email, verbal and telephone transcripts) between Welsh Assembly Government and Bridgend County Borough Council with regards the proposed development known as 'Y Bryn' Wind Farm, from 1st January 2016 to date, including discussions and agreements with regards the removal or alteration of public pathways and cycle routes.
9. The Treasury Green Book Policy is designed to 'Optimise Social and Public Value', and yet Welsh Assembly Government has chosen to not comply with this policy with regards all Developments of National Significance. I'd like copies of all correspondence in respect of the protocol Welsh Government followed in order to justify this decision.
10. All evidence of the landscape modelling for the pre-assessed area 'Y Bryn' Windfarm.
11. All records relating to the redistribution of all money recouped by NRW as a result of the sale of the land intended for use in the proposed 'Y Bryn' Wind Farm Development.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed.

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