



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

**ATISN 15593**

8th November 2021

Dear

**ATISN 15593 – Y Bryn Wind Farm 2**

Thank you for your request which I received on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021. You asked for:

1 There is currently no record of any communication in regards to choose not to use the “green Book” for the process involving “Y Bryn Wind farm”. Could I have names of people involved in this decision, along with the date in which the decision was made not to follow mandatory requirement to follow the “Green book” system please?

2 Could I have all communications involving emails, telephone records, meeting minutes or any other means of communication, between Thirty4/7) and The Welsh government, between January 2018 to current day please (10th Oct 2021)?

**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

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or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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

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## Request 1

The Welsh Government was not required to use the Green Book in the preparation of Future Wales. There is therefore no record of a decision not to use the Green Book.

The Welsh Government is of the view that the HM Green Book is not an appropriate method for assessing Future Wales; and that the Welsh Government was not required to assess Future Wales using the Green Book. Future Wales is a high level document and the range of possible actions which could be undertaken within the framework is too broad to enable any meaningful assessment of the likely costs and benefits/outcomes at this level. The social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts of Future Wales’ policies were considered by the Integrated Sustainability Assessment and Habitats Regulations. These can be viewed on the [Future Wales web pages](#).

For your information the issue of using the Green Book was considered during the preparation of Future Wales following a consultation response raising the issue. Consideration on this issue is included in the [Integrated Sustainability Appraisal](#) (page 723).

## Request 2

Please see attached.