25th September 2022 Dear ,

ATISN 16598 FOI Request: 30 additional National Forest sites

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 22nd September 2022 You asked for:

A list of the locations of the 30 additional National Forest sites that were in a recent Natural Resources Wales job posting for a National Forest Woodland Team Leader on its website.

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government is currently working with NRW to identify areas to plant new woodland. These sites will not all be on Welsh Government owned land, we want to work local communities and landowners. The new team in Natural Resources Wales will work with these groups to help facilitate new woodland creation projects. The Welsh Government has also made funding available through the Woodland Investment Grant.

Earlier this year, we announced the locations of three new woodlands which will be created to remember all those who have died during the coronavirus pandemic. These will be located in the National Trust Cymru's Erddig Estate in Wrexham, at a site identified by Natural Resources Wales at Brownhill in the Tywi Valley, Carmarthenshire, and at a site owned by Caerphilly Council at Cwmfelinfach in Caerphilly.

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