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Dear ,

ATISN 16950 State owned renewable energy development company - sites

Thank you for your request which I received on 09 December 2022. You asked for the following information in reference to the announced state-owned renewable energy development company:

The names and locations of six sites identified for development and any further sites identified for development.

I am assuming that by the state-owned renewable energy development company you mean the publicly owned renewable energy developer announced by the Minister for Climate Change on 25 October 2022.

Our response

The programme is expecting to initiate the development of approximately six large-scale onshore renewable energy projects, primarily wind energy but with the possibility of solar PV projects, over the next 2 years. At the current time the potential projects are spread throughout Wales on the Welsh Government estate, including the woodland estate. The projects currently anticipated to be most likely to proceed are located as follows:

1 in Carmarthenshire.

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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3 in South Wales.1 in Mid Wales.1 in North Wales.

As feasibility work has not yet taken place to determine whether any of these sites would be suitable locations, releasing further speculative information at this stage would, in my view, be likely to cause greater public harm than the potential benefit from transparency at this very early stage.

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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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