

31st January 2023

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 17017

I wrote to you on 5 January regarding your request for information.

Your Request

You have asked for the following information:

1. How much was paid for the old Neath and Tennant canal.
2. If and how much was paid to the Williams Family who owned the bridge over the canal at the Aberpergwm Estate entrance to the Manor from the now B4242 road – about 350 yards down from the Lamb and Flag Hotel.
3. When the canal section in question was transferred to Neath Borough Council on the 23 April 1990 from the Secretary of State for Wales, was the bridge which was owned by the Williams family of Aberpergwm Manor transferred in total to the Neath Borough Council including the small piece of land of the canal directly under the said bridge.

Our response

I can confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested. For question one, the price paid for the Canal section specified was £475.

For question two, the Welsh Government did not acquire the Bridge you have referred to above and therefore there was no price paid. No information held.

The Old section of trunk road was vested to the Local Authority (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) on the on 30 January 1997 by way of the Neath Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) (Improvement from Aberdulais to Glynneath and Slip Roads, Side Roads) Order 1991. In conjunction with the Transfer of Responsibility Letter.

Any land registered to the Welsh Office / Welsh Government that was associated with the former Trunk Road would have been vested to the Local Authority by way of the above instruments.

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