

28 February 2023

Dear

ATISN 17143 – FOI request Re: consents for heather burning in Wales

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 10/02/23. You asked for:

A copy of all statutory consents for heather burning in the following areas:

1. Garn Wen, Bal-Bach and Bal Mawr Moor
2. Beacon Hill, Moelfre & Llanbister
3. Ffwddog Ridge
4. Llangynidr Moors
5. Gladestry
6. Ireland Moor
7. Ruabon Moor

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 as no specific statutory consents are required for heather burning. The Heather and Grass Burning code for Wales explains that burning is permitted during specific times of the year. Burning is allowed only between 1 October - 31 March in upland areas and 1 November - 15 March elsewhere. A licence is required to burn at other times of the year.

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