

09 May 2023

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 17377

I wrote to you on 6 April regarding your request for information.

Your request

You requested the following information for the following for the stretch of road on the A470 where the 50mph was fetched in between Pontypridd and Upperboat/Treforest:

- 1) Pollution Figures for the 2 years prior to the speed limit being changed and also pollution figures for the years since the 50mph speed limit came into effect to present date.
- 2) Accident figures for that stretch of road again for the 2 years prior to speed limit change and then from when the 50mph came into effect to the present date

I can confirm we hold the information you have requested to Q1 and Q2. I have concluded, however, that it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise available.

The 50mph speed limit came into force in June 2018.

The information requested is available at the following weblinks:

[Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road: 2018 to 2019 \(gov.wales\)](#)

[Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road: 2020 to 2021 | GOV.WALES](#)

Further information on road pollutant data prior to the implementation of the speed limit can be found here:

[Tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations in Wales \(WeITAG stage 3\) | GOV.WALES](#)

Please note that the latest 2022 data is currently unavailable. We do not hold the accurate information yet, however we will be publishing the data in spring 2023.

Q2 The information requested can be found here [Accident level data \(gov.wales\)](#) figures for 2023 will be published in due course.

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