Dear

ATISN 19179 – Request for information - Habitats regulation assessment

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 October 2023. You asked for the following information, in relation to Planning and Environment Decision CAS-01479-L7M0C3:

A copy of the Habitats Regulation Assessment. Also, the qualification of the person(s) who wrote the Assessment.

Our Response

Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) does not hold a copy of a Habitats Regulation Assessment in relation to a Section 38 Common Land application in relation to Kenfig Burrows and Pool, Kenfig, Bridgend.

The applicant set out in its application statement that *"Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Assent for the works (including relevant Habitat Regulations Assessments) will be obtained prior to the contract being let."* The Inspector, at paragraph 36 of the decision, is simply stating what had been set out to her in the submitted evidence.

The application was made by Ms L Bowen, Sands of LIFE Project and Monitoring Officer on behalf of Natural Resources Wales. As it was set out in the applicant's application statement that such an assessment would be carried out, I would advise that you contact them directly and request a copy.

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 e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 Website: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely