

Dear

**RE ATISN 19342
WG Land at Upper Cosmeston Farm**

Information requested.

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 January 2024. You asked for:

Please disclose the contract and all correspondence to date of your Estates section with Asbri Planning for securing planning permission for developing this WGovt land.

Could you clarify if you intend to include in the sale the coastal strip containing the Wales Coastal Path?

I have separated your request into three separate points:

- 1 Please disclose the contract with Asbri Planning for securing planning permission for developing Welsh Government land;
- 2 Please disclose all correspondence to date of your Estates section with Asbri Planning for securing planning permission; and
- 3 Could you clarify if you intend to include in the sale the coastal strip containing the Wales Coastal Path?

Our response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require under point 1 is not held by the Welsh Government. The appointment of Asbri Planning was undertaken by Austin Smith Lord on behalf of the Welsh Government.

In response to point 2, I have undertaken a search of our records and concluded that to answer your request will exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows a public authority to refuse a request if it calculates that dealing with it would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

A limited search of the Welsh Government's records system has been carried out using the following parameters:

- Key word or phrases Cosmeston and Asbri Planning; and separately Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan and Asbri Planning.

The limited searches identified the following number of documents which included emails, word and excel documents, PDF's etc:

- 24,258

In order to establish if any of the information within the limited search fell within the scope of your request, each document would need to be reviewed. If each document took 5 minutes

to review, the time limit would be exceeded. The limit would be further exceeded by any exercise to:

- to locate, extract and retrieve information held which falls within the scope of your request where the title of the document does not contain the key word/phrase used above - therefore requiring further searches to be conducted.

If you are able to refocus your request to a specific piece of information (as opposed to any information that might be held and in multiple forms), that may bring any required searches to within the appropriate limit. Any redefined question will be treated as a new request for information.

In respect of point 3 I have attached a link to the sales details on Savills website

[Upper Cosmeston Farm, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan | Property for sale | Savills](#)

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 e-mail: 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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely