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Decisions Wales

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To:
Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 February 2025. You asked for the following information:

- The first name of an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers, G Hall, who considered and determined planning appeal CAS-03747-T5M5P5 Site address: Millers Arms, Mathern Road, Mathern, Monmouthshire NP16 6JD.
- Can you provide me a list of all planning inspectors (with their first and surnames listed) who determined cases submitted to PEDW (Planning and Environment Decisions Wales) in 2024 and 2025.

Our response

This request is being dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations and I can confirm that the requested information is held. The information requested is personal information as an individual can be identified by it.

As the information requested is third party personal data and disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles (Principle (a) lawful basis), Exception 13(2A) of the EIR is considered to be engaged.

Regulation 13(2A) makes clear that the relevant test is dictated by data protection regulations; General Data Protection Regulations UK (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act (DPA). This means you cannot use the EIR as a lawful basis for the disclosure of personal information.

Further, Article 6(1)(f) of UK GDPR requires there to be legitimate interest to enable disclosure. To this end we had to consider the legitimate interest in releasing personal data and it's purpose. The purpose would be to use in newspaper articles about planning appeal

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decisions. Individual Inspectors who chose not to provide their first names, do so to protect themselves from consequences of their decisions, including harassment, intimidation and physical harm.

We have considered the likely harm and consequences of releasing the third party personal data and consider it's release would have an unjustified adverse effect on a data subject.

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: <u>Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales</u>

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

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