Our ref: ATISN 25113

5 September 2025

Dear   ,

Request for Information - ATISN 25113

Thank you for your request for information dated 2 September 2025.

Information Requested

You have asked for paperwork and consultation between Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and us (Welsh Government) concerning the Brynmawr section of the A465 Head of the Valleys Road but particularly concerning footpaths and cycle ways around the Brynmawr roundabout.

As your request currently stands, I believe it will be very time consuming to deal with. You are asking us to search for a significant amount of information over a very wide timeframe. From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer your request. 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.

Having done an initial search on our internal records system using the terms 'A465 Brynmawr with cycle and footpath, there were over 66000 'hits' or possible messages/emails/files which may or may not be relevant to your request. At an estimate of 1 minute to interrogate each 'hit' to ascertain if relevant to your request it would take over a 1000hrs for one staff member to process your request.

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For me to search for the information you are seeking, it would be helpful if you could provide a more specific request for information, for example by narrowing its scope, or timeframe. Narrowing your request in this way would be very helpful and reduce the scope and time it will take to process the request. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request. Otherwise, you will receive a response by 30 September.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future correspondence.

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the controller for this information and, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely. Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

•   to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
•   to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
•   to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
•   for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
•   to (in certain circumstances) data portability
•   to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
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CF10 3NQ
E-mail: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at https://gov.wales/freedom-of-information-responses).

Yours sincerely