

1 October 2025

Dear

## **ATISN 25177 – Request for Information**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 September 2025. You asked for:

- the approval papers relating to the construction of the River Tawe Barrage under the Swansea City Council (Tawe Barrage) Act 1986, with particular reference to the fish pass; and
- the approval papers relating to the fish pass under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.

and copies of the following with respect to this matter:

- the Council's applications;
- supporting documents, including descriptions, technical reports and plans of the fish pass;
- any correspondence between the Council and the Welsh Office; and
- the Secretary of State's approvals.

### **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. The information refers to a matter from nearly 30 years ago, and 13 years prior to the inception of Welsh Government. Welsh Government does not hold any files relating to this matter, and it is likely that, if the files have been preserved anywhere, they would have been transferred to the National Archive.

You may make a Freedom of Information request to the National Archives here:

[Freedom of Information - The National Archives](#)

Or by writing to them at:

Enquiry Service,  
The National Archives,  
Kew, Richmond,  
Surrey  
TW9 4DU.

It is, however, possible that Swansea City Council would retain information, since they gained the requisite approvals. You may ask them at:

[Freedom of Information and Environmental Information request - Swansea](#)

Or by email at:

[freedomofinformation@swansea.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@swansea.gov.uk).

### **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](mailto: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