

15 July 2026

Dear

ATISN 27109 - National Policy and BESS Safety Standards

Thank you for your request submitted on 17 June, which I received on the 19 June.

Your request asks for:

Please provide the following information held by the Welsh Government relating to the BESS associated with the Alaw Môn and Maen Hir developments:

1. Any internal discussions, assessments, or policy considerations relating to the applicability of the EU Battery Regulation (EU 2023/1542) to BESS developments in Wales.
2. Any documents showing how Welsh Government planning policy considered international BESS safety standards (EN 62619, EN 50604, IEC 62933, UL 9540A, NFPA 855).
3. Any correspondence with IACC, NRW, or the developer regarding BESS safety, fire risk, PFAS contamination, or toxic firewater.
4. Any documents relating to the interpretation of “best available international standards” under Planning Policy Wales, Future Wales, TAN15, or the Well-being of Future Generations Act in the context of BESS.
5. The total number of solar panels installed at the Alaw Môn development, and the total number specified for the Maen Hir development. For each site, please also provide the total number of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units, their individual capacity (MWh), total installed capacity (MWh), and the battery chemistry proposed. If this information is not held, please confirm this explicitly.

Our response

Public authorities are not required to search for or provide information if it is already publicly available and easily accessible to you elsewhere. In such cases, we simply need to direct you to where that information is hosted. In this case the only information held is already available on Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) casework portal. It only relates to the Alaw Môn solar farm at the following link: [Reference: CAS-01311-C4L3C4](#).

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

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.

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/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,