

13 August 2026

Annwyl/Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 31 March 2026. You asked for the following information:

In respect of guidance prepared for Inspectors in relation to the treatment of the Wrexham Local Development Plan (LDP), and its supporting evidence base, following the direction of the Welsh Ministers to withdraw the Wrexham LDP earlier in March 2026. Accordingly, the question which forms the basis of this request is set out below:

Please can you confirm whether PEDW has received guidance from Welsh Ministers, or provided guidance to Inspectors itself, which direct how the Wrexham Local Development Plan and its supporting evidence base should be considered and/or relied upon in the determination of planning appeals and recovered or called-in applications, following the direction from the Welsh Ministers to Wrexham County Borough Council on 16 March 2026, that the Local Development Plan be withdrawn? If any such guidance has been received/issued, please provide a full and unredacted copy of this guidance, in response to this question.

I am able to confirm that PEDW did not receive guidance from Welsh Minister following the direction to withdraw Wrexham LDP on 16 March 2026.

However, an advice note prepared by PEDW on 16 June 2025 was updated to reflect the Welsh Ministers direction on 23 March 2026. Please find attached.

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

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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