Ein Cyf/Our Ref: ATISN 26-0063

Dyddiad/Date: 16 November 2026

Annwyl/Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 October 2026. You asked for the following information:

All documents and content of emails received in relation to CAS-05136-C3H1J3 & CAS-05137-D9B1K1, the call in of Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd's application to reduce the restoration of Ffos-y-fran.

Can limit search from 2 April 2026 onwards. If required to fit within the cost cap, can further limit the search to emails received from:

@merthyr.gov.uk
@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
and from Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd or its agents.

Please find attached documents held by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW). Personal data (e-mail addresses and telephone numbers) have been redacted, as I consider them exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further details are provided at Annex 1.

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

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
4th Floor
No. 3 Circle Square
5 Hawkshaw Street
Manchester
M1 7BL

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

Annex 1

Environmental Information Regulations 2004: Regulation 13 (Personal information)

Some of the information you have requested constitutes the personal data of individuals other than yourself. We have therefore considered whether this information should be disclosed under Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Regulation 13 provides that personal data must not be disclosed where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles. In considering this, we have had regard to the principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

In particular, we have considered whether disclosure would be lawful, fair and transparent. The individuals concerned have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed into the public domain in response to an information request. Disclosure under the EIR is, in effect, disclosure to the public at large and not simply to the individual making the request.

We have considered whether there is a legitimate interest in disclosure, including the interests of transparency, openness and accountability in relation to the environmental matter concerned. However, we do not consider that disclosure of the individuals' personal information is necessary in order to meet those interests. The substantive environmental information can be disclosed, where appropriate, without identifying the individuals concerned.

We have also considered the potential impact of disclosure on the individuals. Disclosure would remove their ability to control the wider dissemination and subsequent use of their personal information and would be outside their reasonable expectations.

On balance, we consider that disclosure would be unfair and would not have an appropriate lawful basis under data protection legislation. Disclosure would therefore contravene the data protection principles. The first condition in Regulation 13 is consequently satisfied, and the personal information has been withheld.