Date: 6 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 26-0160

Thank you for your request which I received on 2 November. You asked for the following information:

Evaluation of the Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan.

Our response

I have concluded that the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information intended for future publication). Further details on this exemption are provided at Annex 1

The report is due to be published in early 2027.

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 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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), information intended for future publication.

The Welsh Government believes that Section 22 applies in relation to the requested information.

Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act is subject to the public interest test. This means that in order to withhold information under its provisions, any personal interest of the requester notwithstanding, it has to be shown that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs that in releasing it.

Section 22(1) provides that information is exempt where:

- the information is held with a view to its publication at some future date, whether that date has been determined or not;
- it was already held with a view to publication at the time the request was received; and
- it is reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information until the intended publication.

The Welsh Government intends to publish the requested information early 2027.

It is considered reasonable to withhold the information until publication because the information is currently being collated, checked and quality assured to ensure that the published information is complete and accurate.

Public interest test

Section 22 is subject to the public interest test. We have therefore considered whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Public interest arguments in favour of disclosure

The general presumption of openness and transparency, which the Freedom of Information Act aspires to, and in enabling the public to understand the Evaluation of the Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan report.

Public interest arguments against disclosure

The information is already intended for publication and is currently being quality assured. Releasing it before that process is complete could result in incomplete or potentially inaccurate information entering the public domain and could cause confusion when compared with the final published information.

Publication through the planned process will allow the information to be presented in a complete, accurate and appropriate context.

Balance of the public interest

Having considered the arguments on both sides, we consider that the public interest is better served by allowing the planned publication process to be completed. We have therefore concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time.

Accordingly, the information is withheld under Section 22 of FOIA.