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Dear

Internal Review - FOI Response to ATISN 27044

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above Freedom of Information (FOI) request and your request for an investigation into the Welsh Government's handling of this matter. This has been conducted in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests.

We can confirm that Mark Tambini undertook the internal review.

Scope of the Internal Review

Before addressing the matters raised in your request for an internal review, it is important to clarify the scope of the review.

We have completed an internal review of ATISN 27044, this involved a fresh decision based on all the available evidence that is relevant to the date of the request, not just a review of the first decision;

In this case, the review has determined whether the original response issued to you on 11 August was correct.

Further information of the internal review process can be found here: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/foi/guide-to-managing-an-foi-request/complaints-internal-reviews/

Please note that the Internal Review would not be looking at any possible or potential OSR breach. The Internal Review process is only looking at whether our response to your request for recorded information complied with our obligations under the Freedom of information Act. This Internal review would also not consider other Freedom of Information requests raised by you and the scope of the review would be based on your request dated the 3 June 2026.

Background

Your FOI request, received on the 3 June 2026 asked for the following information and we have included this on Annex 1 and our response issued to you under Annex 2:

1. Scope of Works Screened:
   - The exact details, descriptions, and contractor names of the specific building works for which the Welsh Government carried out the Operational Standards Rules (OSR) screening (including but not limited to works involving 'Castle Construction & Groundworks', 'Green Energy Solar Ltd', or 'Ultimate Windows').

     Response issued to you:

     OSR screenings do not assess individual building projects or contractors. Instead, they review the processes and procedures used by Local Authorities and consider whether those authorities have acted in accordance with them.

- Did the review include;

1. HSE referral from Carmarthenshire County Council/HSE acknowledgement that no referrals had been made

   Response issued to you:

   This issue would not be considered as part of the OSR investigation, which is concerned with assessing Local Authority processes and whether they have been followed appropriately. The HSE referral is outside what would be expected of the LA building Controls under the OSRs.

2. modified building control records/inspections which now reflect inaccurate description of works and timings.

   Response issued to you:

   Building control records were reviewed, and no discrepancies were identified.

3. lack of qualification for Ryan Tillman Davies (Building Inspector)/formal confirmation from BSCF and Iwan Griffiths (LABC Partner and Graduate Surveyor)/formal confirmation from LABC

   Response issued to you:

   The Welsh Government does not hold information relating to the qualifications, competency assessment records, or professional accreditation records of the individuals named in your request.

Accordingly, under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we can confirm that the requested information is not held by the Welsh Government.

Registered Building Inspectors are required to be registered with the Building Safety Regulator (BSR). Publicly available information indicates that Ryan Tillman Davies is currently registered as a Class 2F Registered Building Inspector.

Registration as a Registered Building Inspector requires an individual to have demonstrated competence through an approved assessment process. While the Welsh Government does not hold or assess the underlying competency evidence, the Building Safety Regulator's register records that the individual has met the registration requirements applicable to their registration class.

The Welsh Government is therefore not in a position to verify qualifications, assessment records, or competency documentation beyond the publicly available registration status.

If your concerns relate to the professional conduct, competence, or performance of a Registered Building Inspector, you may wish to raise those concerns with the Building Safety Regulator, which is responsible for the registration and oversight of Registered Building Inspectors.

If your concerns relate to LABC membership or professional status, you may wish to contact LABC directly, as they may hold relevant information.

There is no requirement for structural engineers to be chartered.

4. discrepancies between information provided by FOI Welsh Government and FOI Carmarthenshire County Council

   Response issued to you:

   The Welsh Government wouldn't be able to comment on the Carmarthenshire County Councils FOI. With regards to the Welsh Governments FOI we are satisfied that the response provided to the request was correct.

5. The failure of Building Control to verify trade credentials, specifically regarding formal confirmation from the NICEIC that the electrician deployed on-site by the contractor was unregistered;

   Response issued to you:

   This is not a function of Building Control. Responsibility for appointing competent and appropriately qualified contractors and operatives rests with those undertaking or commissioning the work. Building Control does not verify the registration status

of individual tradespeople engaged by contractors, nor is it responsible for obtaining confirmation from NICEIC or any other trade body regarding an individual's membership or registration status. Building Control's role is to assess compliance with the Building Regulations and, where appropriate, to consider relevant certification or evidence provided in support of compliance.

6. The failure to screen or flag the operational history, standard of work, and specific corporate entities tied to the contractor, Martin Julian Evans, (alleged to be https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-fugitive-nabbed-in-sa and identity was confirmed to the Council on 8 December 2025 by the Economic Crime Unit). Trading Standards confirmed that a wrong date of birth was submitted at Companies House.

   Response issued to you:

   Responsibility for the appointment and due diligence of contractors rests with those procuring or commissioning the work. Building Control's role is to assess compliance with the Building Regulations and not to approve, endorse, or vet the contractors engaged to carry out the work.

7. consideration to the fact that my property has been deleted from the Council Tax valuation list by the VOA/HMRC as an official consequence of these actions.

   Response issued to you:

   This issue does not fall within the remit of the OSR and is therefore not relevant to its considerations.

- Identification of Contractor Documentation: Confirmation of whether the OSR screening evaluated documentation relating to 'Castle Construction & Groundworks' and ‘Green Energy Solar Ltd’ or if it was restricted exclusively to works relating to 'Ultimate Windows'.

  Response issued to you:

  OSRs do not assess individual building projects or contractors. Instead, they review the processes and procedures used by Local Authorities and consider whether those authorities have acted in accordance with them.

- **Omissions from Screening Process:** A clear statement and any recorded information advising whether any specific assessment points were omitted during your screening process as measured against the following statutory Welsh frameworks and guidelines:
  1. The Welsh Government Operational Standards Rules (OSR) guidelines
  2. Building Inspector Competence Framework (BICoF) (Wales)
  3. Code of Conduct for Registered Building Inspectors (Wales)

4. Professional Conduct Rules for Registered Building Control Approvers (Wales)
5. Operational Standards Rules: Monitoring Arrangements (Wales)

Response issued to you:
The screening process considered all information relevant to the OSRs.

- **Officer Investigation Confirmation:** Mr Hemington's email dated 22 April 2026 stated that my complaint would be investigated by Mark Tambini BEng (Hons) C.Build E FCABE, Head of Building Regulations Policy. Please confirm whether Mr Tambini personally conducted this investigation, and whether this final response represents his official findings to align with a full OSR screening. Please provide reasons if this was not the case and who carried out the investigation.

  Response issued to you:
  We can confirm Mark Tambini BEng (Hons) C.Build E FCABE, Head of Building Regulations Policy carried out the investigation into the FOI procedure, and his official findings were issued on the 1 June 2026.

- Recorded Decision Logs: Copies of all internal emails, meeting minutes, and screening checklists if the decision was made to define or limit the scope of this screening.

  Response issued to you:
  No decision was made to limit the scope of the OSR screening. The OSR screening was undertaken considering all the information that you have provided against the allegations submitted by you on the 18 December 2025. I attach a copy of your email for reference under Annex 1.

Review of handling

We have undertaken a review of how your request was managed.

We wish to clarify that with regards to your request surrounding the OSR investigation process. The process was followed in-line with the: Investigation procedure statement: regulation of the building control profession (local authorities).

As set out above the Internal Review does not look at any possible or potential OSR breaches. The Internal Review only looks at whether our response to your request for recorded information as enclosed above, complied with our obligations under the Freedom of information Act.

We note your recent correspondence asking us to include additional or further information into the internal review. We want to clarify that internal reviews would not consider new information that falls outside the scope of the original request.

We would not review any additional information provided after the request was submitted where that information did not form part of the original request. In this case, the internal review would be limited to considering your request submitted under reference 27044 and our response to that request.

Outcome of the Review

Having completed the internal review we can confirm that the original FOI response is upheld. We did not find any breach regarding complying with our obligations under the Freedom of information Act.

Next steps

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of this internal review, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Closing

We hope this response clarifies the Welsh Government’s position. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir,

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