Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

20 November 2026

Dear

ATISN 27516 – ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) REQUEST. Site: Arch Motors, Maesdu Road, Llandudno, LL30 1LF (Land Registry ref. WA 955087)

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 August 2026. You asked for environmental information held by the Welsh Government relating to Arch Motors and the land on or immediately adjacent to the site.

You have requested:

1. All environmental information (as defined by regulation 2 of the EIR, including reports, assessments, correspondence, measurements and policy documents) held by Welsh Government concerning ground or land contamination, pollution incidents, or environmental monitoring on or immediately adjacent to Maesdu Road, Llandudno, LL30 1 LF.
2. Any contaminated land strategy, funding decision, or grant record in which this site has been identified or considered.
3. Any correspondence between Welsh Government and Conwy County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales, or Planning and Environment Decisions Wales concerning environmental aspects of this site.
4. Any internal notes, assessments or advice concerning the environmental impact or environmental history of the scrap yard business operated at this address.
5. Please include any audio recordings within the scope of the above.
6. What environmental information do you hold that falls within the scope of this request?
7. From what sources was that information obtained?
8. With which other bodies have this environmental information been shared, if any?
9. Please confirm whether any of the requested information is subject to an exception under regulation 12 of the EIR and, if so, which exception is relied upon and why the public interest favours withholding it.

Our response

We have considered your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Following searches of our records and checks with the relevant teams, our responses to your questions are:

1. We hold no records concerning ground or land contamination, pollution incidents or environmental monitoring on or immediately adjacent to the site. We identified a general planning reference to Arch Motors, explained below.
2. We hold no relevant contaminated land strategy, funding decision or grant record.
3. We hold no relevant correspondence with Conwy County Borough Council, Natural Resources Wales or Planning and Environment Decisions Wales.
4. We hold no relevant internal notes, assessments or advice.
5. We hold no relevant audio recordings.
6. The only related information identified is the planning reference in the Conwy Local Development Plan 2007–2022, described below. We have identified no further information held within the scope of your request.
7. The source of that planning reference is Conwy County Borough Council's published Local Development Plan.
8. We hold no records identifying other bodies with which the Welsh Government has shared that information.
9. For requested information not held when your request was received, we rely on regulation 12(4)(a). We recognise the public interest in transparency about contamination, pollution and environmental monitoring. However, information not held cannot be disclosed, so the public interest favours maintaining the exception. We are not withholding any information held within scope under another exception.

Published planning information

Our searches identified a reference to Arch Motors in section 4.3.11 of Conwy County Borough Council's Conwy Local Development Plan 2007–2022.

Under Policy EMP/5, Arch Motors, Llandudno, is listed among the office and industrial employment sites where the Council will promote and encourage improvements. Paragraph 4.3.11.1 describes opportunities across the listed sites for environmental improvements, landscaping and improvements to buildings and infrastructure.

We provide this as related planning policy information only. These general policy statements do not constitute site-specific findings about contamination or pollution at Arch Motors. The passage contains no site-specific contamination assessments, pollution incident records, environmental monitoring results or details of contaminated land funding or grants.

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: Freedomofinformation@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.

Yours sincerely,