



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN: 10399

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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 10399

I wrote to you on 26 April regarding your request for information relating to three culverts that pass under the A40 Trunk Road near Manordeilo Petrol Station. For each of these culverts you have asked for:

1. The dates and the Organisation/Agency responsible of their original construction.
2. The name(s) of the Organisation/Agency with whom ownership of these culverts is now vested.
3. The name(s) of the Organisations/Agencies directly responsible for the culverts now (if this differs from 2 above, then explain why).
4. The precise function(s) of each culvert.
5. Where SWTRA has responsibility:
 - a) Are SWTRA directly responsible? Or: -
 - b) Do others employ SWTRA as an agent, and if so by whom?
 - c) Does SWTRA contract out its responsibilities to others and if so, to whom?
6. The scheduled inspection, cleaning, and maintenance periods.
7. The last inspection, cleaning, maintenance dates and who undertook these activities?

I confirm the Welsh Government holds some information relating to your request.

No information is held relating to the dates or origins of the original construction of the culverts. The culverts are now in the ownership of the Welsh Government, as highway authority for trunk roads and motorways in Wales.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The trunk road in this area is maintained by the South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) on behalf of the Welsh Government. This includes the sections of the culverts that lie within the trunk road boundaries

Culvert 1 is a 300mm diameter pipe that carries a small watercourse/farm access track drainage ditch. A single highway carriageway surface water drainage connects into it from the northern edge of the trunk road. The inlet and outfall are located on private land.

Culvert 2 is a 300mm diameter pipe that allows outfall drainage from a series of trunk road surface water drainage gullies that serve the carriageway. It continues on for a short distance through private land to the south of the road and discharges into an open water course in the field beyond the road. It also facilitates some private drainage, as drainage from the site of the petrol station/garage units connects into the northern end of this pipe. The outfall is located on private land.

Culvert 3 is an historic culvert of unknown dimensions and construction that allows an open water course flowing from the north of the road to pass under the carriageway to discharge into the continuation of the open water course to the south of the road, a short distance from the highway boundary in private land. No trunk road surface drainage is connected into it. It crosses the trunk road as well as a local authority side road in the junction area and private land to the south of the A40. The inlet and outfall are located on private land.

SWTRA works directly for the Welsh Government. SWTRA does not work for any other organisations. In carrying out its maintenance duties, SWTRA employs the services of local authority partner organisations and occasionally private contractors.

The A40 in this area is subject to a safety inspection every 28 days and a detailed inspection every 12 months. The highway drainage system gullies are emptied and cleaned every 12 months. The last detailed inspection was carried out on 30 July 2015, directly by SWTRA inspection staff. The last cleaning and maintenance works were carried out in November 2015 by Carmarthenshire County Council highways staff.

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 FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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