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Dear ,

ATISN 10390 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AT CAERPHILLY CASTLE

Thank you for your request which I received on **20 April 2016** about **Wildlife Management at Caerphilly Castle**. The information you requested is enclosed.

Please confirm that CADWR are involved, and the lead authority in carrying out activity in and around Caerphilly Castle to destroy habitat and nests actions meant to prevent the proliferation and preservation of wildlife around our Caerphilly Castle. **Cadw is the Welsh Government Historic Environment Service which has responsibility for the management of the castle and its grounds.**

Please confirm that CADWR, or anyone acting on their behalf, have had NO contact or consultation with anyone, or any department, of Caerphilly Borough Council, at anytime, But, in respect to anything to do with the `subject` of this FOI, if they have please provide all details of that contact or consultation, so that I may use the Freedom of Information Act to access those details. **Cadw has not had any contact or consultation with Caerphilly County Borough Council with regard to the subject of this Freedom of Information request.**

Please inform me and provide qualified evidence of the reasons for inflicting the destruction of wildlife activity in and around Caerphilly Castle. Please provide me with and evidence of any proper qualified command and control, supervisory procedures, or other methods of management of your grotesque activity in respect to the killing of wildlife in and around our Caerphilly Castle. **Cadw acts in accordance with the Gov.UK guidance for the control of geese populations under licence and the methodology is included in this guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/geese-control-populations-of-problem-birds-under-licence>**

Cadw yw gwasanaeth amgylchedd hanesyddol Llywodraeth Cymru. Ein nod yw hyrwyddo gwaith cadwraeth ar gyfer amgylchedd hanesyddol Cymru a gwerthfawrogiad ohono.

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service. Our aim is to promote the conservation and appreciation of Wales's historic environment.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in both English and Welsh.



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Please inform me who the people are who are currently undertaking the destruction of habitat, nests and eggs, and, who are responsible for their supervision.

The management of the wildlife and habitat is being undertaken by our contractor, Aderyn Pest Control Ltd. We do not hold details of each individual.

Have CADWR undertaken any public consultation on the intervention it is currently engaged in by the destruction of wildlife habitat and nests and eggs of the wildfowl population in and around Caerphilly Castle and including Urban Gulls and Swans.

No. Cadw is not required to undertake public consultation for the routine management of wild birds, for health and safety purposes, at properties in its care.

Please provide me with proof that CADWR have followed all statutory and any other guidelines which may be in place to ensure the protection of wildlife, so that CADWR or its agents do not inflict suffering on wildlife or individual birds. Have CADWR or anyone on their behalf and under their instruction or with their permission allowed or overseen the SHOOTING of any birds in or around Caerphilly Castle. I would say that there may be some supportive photographic evidence of this activity, and I understand that the Curator of the Castle has authorised this activity, and set out a timetable to do so. Is this information correct. **Cadw and its contractor act in accordance with published UK government guidance for the management of wild birds for health and safety purposes.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wild-birds-licence-to-take-or-kill-for-health-or-safety-purposes>

Our contractor is licensed and operates in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

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: 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