



23 September 2016

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 10677

I wrote to you on 22 August regarding your request for information. In your request you asked:

1. How many road traffic collisions have occurred on the Skewfields Roundabout / A4042 Junction, Pontypool between the period 19th May 2010 and 19th May 2016?
2. How many of those collisions involved push bikes and/or motorcyclists?
3. Have there been any serious injuries or fatalities as a result of these collisions?
4. Has the road layout and/or the road markings changed between the period 19th May 2010 and 19th May 2016?
5. If so, what changes were made and why was the decision taken to make the changes?
6. Have there been any complaints or petitions about the lack of road markings and/or the road layout between the period 19th May 2010 and 19th May 2016?
7. It appears that the road markings on the Skewfields Roundabout / A4042 Junction, Pontypool do not comply with the Highway Code. Were any reports and/or traffic surveys undertaken before countermanding the Highway Code? If so please provide a copy.
8. Is there an internal policy on this to justify departing from normal procedure? If so please provide a copy.

I confirm that we hold some information relating to your request. Data relating to Q1, 2 and 3 of your request is attached at Annex A.

I can confirm that the roundabout had new signs and road markings constructed and works undertaken to help reduce the vehicle conflicts/incidents. These works commenced on 30 April 2013 and completed on the 10 May 2013. Since their completion only slight injury collisions have been recorded. This work included:-

- A new chevron board on the roundabout opposite the A472 arm from Pontypool.
- New passively safe screen deflection posts in the visibility splay on the A4042 SB carriageway from Abergavenny.
- New road markings on the roundabout and the A472 SB , A4042 SB and NB.



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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.

- New road layout signs on the A472 SB, A4042 SB showing the Advanced Direction Signs and lane destinations.

There have been no official complaints received by the Welsh Government regarding this roundabout. However, we have received correspondence between 2010 and 2013 from members of the public regarding concerns with the roundabout. All petitions received are available on the National Assembly for Wales website:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/e-petitions.aspx>. There are no current petitions on this subject.

The Highway Code is the official guide for all road users including drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians to using the roads safely and legally. It is not a design guide for highway engineers. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, SI 2016/362 (TSRGD) prescribe the form and character of road signs and markings that may be placed on roads in Great Britain. Further guidance on the application and use of signs and road markings may be found in the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM). Chapter 5 of the TSM is specific to road markings.

Road markings may be used to channelise traffic and indicate which lane to use at and through roundabouts. Further details may be found in Advice Note TA 78 / 97 in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, Volume 6. In this respect, the road markings do not countermand the Highway Code.

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

Annex A

All accidents on Skewfields roundabout/A4042 junction reported to the police, and subsequently recorded on Stats19 reports, 19th May 2010 to 31st December 2015 by severity:

	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
A4042 trunk	1	1	12	14

Accident Reference	Date Of Accident	Severity
0024612	04/06/2012	Slight
0025812	19/05/2012	Fatal
0030112	01/07/2012	Slight
0051612	14/09/2012	Serious
0057812	05/10/2012	Slight
0033913	14/02/2013	Slight

New Signs and Road Markings Completed

0012114	19/03/2014	Slight
0023814	18/05/2014	Slight
0025514	02/05/2014	Slight
0041314	31/01/2014	Slight
0058314	26/09/2014	Slight
0060514	07/09/2014	Slight
0032315	08/05/2015	Slight
0062715	05/06/2015	Slight

All accidents on Skewfields roundabout/A4042 junction involving either motorcycles or pedal cycles reported to the police, and subsequently recorded on Stats19 reports, 19th May 2010 to 31st December 2015 by severity:

	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
A4042 trunk	1	0	2	3

Accident Reference	Date Of Accident	Severity
0025812	19/05/2012	Fatal
New Signs and Road Markings Completed		
0032315	08/05/2015	Slight
0062715	05/06/2015	Slight

Grid references used [Easting 329399 to 329519 and Northing 199852 to 199970]