Adran yr Economi a'r Seilwaith Department for Economy and Infrastructure



Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11150

29 March, 2017

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN 11150

I wrote to you on 3 March regarding your request for information on the public footpath closure (No's 25 & 26) in Flintshire. You asked for the reasoning for a further extension of the Temporary Closure Order and confirmation that the Welsh Government can only allow 18 months closure.

I confirm we hold information captured by your request. Section 15(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984) only allows an Order made under section 14 of the RTRA 1984 in respect of footpaths to continue for an initial period of 6 months. However, where a request is made by the initiating authority to extend the Order, section 15(5) allows such extensions (for up to 6 months at a time) to be granted from time to time. Such requests are considered in light of the conditions pertaining at the time and there is no overall 18 month time limit.

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 <u>FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk</u>. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.



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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.

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