



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 11388

15 September 2017

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11388

I wrote to you on 23 August regarding your recent complaint following your request for information in relation to the building developed by GM Jones on Parc Tŷ Gwyn in Llanrwst.

I have conducted an internal review of your request in accordance with the procedure outlined in the [Welsh Government's Practical Guide for Making Requests for Information](#) which is available by post on request, or via the internet.

I note in your original request you asked for copies of all contracts/agreements in relation to the development of the above mentioned building, whether any contracts/agreements for the occupation of the building have been agreed and if so, the intended date of occupation and agreed rent.

In our response of 7 August, it was explained that the company acquired the land from the Welsh Government to build its new premises and that any information relating to contracts/agreements for the development/occupation of the building would be a matter for the company. Because of this, it was explained we do not hold the information you requested.



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As indicated in my letter to you of 23 August, given you did not state in your e-mail of complaint why you were asking for an internal review, I have assumed you believe we hold the information. My review has therefore focused on the request you submitted and the response you received.

By way of background, GM Jones acquired land from the Welsh Government for the sole purpose of building a new headquarters in Llanrwst. The company also successfully applied for support under the Welsh Government's Wales Economic Growth Fund to assist with its growth aspirations. Support to the company under this Fund is conditioned on specific capital defrayment, new employment creation and job safeguarding targets and these continue to be regularly monitored by officials.

The development of the headquarter building at Parc Ty Gwyn has been undertaken on a private and commercial basis with ownership residing directly with GM Jones. As a consequence, the Welsh Government would not hold details of any contracts or agreements regarding the development of the building. In addition, the occupancy of the building upon completion would be a matter for the company. It is understood this is likely to occur in the coming weeks.

I am therefore satisfied that the information you requested is not held and the response you received is an accurate reflection of the position. Accordingly, I do not uphold your complaint.

I trust the above provides a clearer explanation of our position on this matter.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5LJ

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Yours sincerely

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