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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 11618

I wrote to you on 18 October regarding your request for information. In your refined request you have asked -

1. How much land in the Welsh Government portfolio is listed as surplus, in hectares?
2. How long has the land been surplus and, if possible, the reasons why it is surplus?
3. Is there any planning permission on the surplus land in your portfolio?

Surplus property is defined as assets identified for disposal which are not linked to any current WG policy objective or strategy. Within the Welsh Government's property portfolio, there are various sources of surplus property. These are from within the Economy property portfolio, the Transport non-operational property portfolio and the Housing and Regeneration property portfolio.

1. The total area of surplus property comprising land, buildings and other land interests both leasehold and freehold is 142.65 hectares.
2. Surplus properties in the Economy property portfolio comprising 50 sites covering 127.44ha were declared surplus at the annual asset review on 28 February 2016 and 4 sites covering 6.16 hectares were declared surplus at the annual asset review on 28 February 2017. The reason for classifying these assets as surplus is that the properties are no longer linked to any current WG policy objective or strategy.

Surplus properties in the Transport non-operational property portfolio comprising 4 sites covering 1.75 hectares were declared surplus in 2009 (2) and 2015 (2). The land has been identified as surplus following the delivery of 3 major road schemes and the land will not be used for any future operational highway purposes. All sites have complexities in terms of access arrangements post road scheme construction.

Surplus properties in the Housing and Regeneration property portfolio comprising 2 sites covering 7.3 ha were declared surplus in 2013 and April 2017 respectively. Neither property is linked to any current WG policy objective or strategy.



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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.

3. Most of the surplus sites in the Economy property portfolio have the benefit of planning permission in existing use. (e.g. buildings, residual land following development of business parks and roads)

None of the surplus sites in the Transport property portfolio have planning permission.

Neither of the surplus properties in the Housing and Regeneration property portfolio has planning permission.

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