**From:** ESNR - ERA - Rural Payments Wales

**Sent:** 30 January 2018 16:54

To:

**Subject:** RE: freedom of information - Reference ATISN 11870

Dear,

## **ATISN 11870**

Thank you for your request which I received on 02/01/2018. You asked for all documentation relating to applications made under the Sustainable Management Scheme including all application forms and communications made by applicants with relevant public authorities since the start of the scheme.

From my preliminary assessment I consider this request to be manifestly unreasonable as set out in Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, as I consider dealing with this request would create an unreasonable diversion of resources.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested would require an assessment of approximately 4500 pages of information that would take an estimated 8 days to gather and further 3 days to assess for personal information relating to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties exempted from disclosure under Data Protection rules.. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. I am pleased to be able to provide a summary of the projects that have submitted applications to date: <a href="http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/171212-sustainable-management-scheme-collaborative-projects-en.pdf">http://gov.wales/docs/drah/publications/171212-sustainable-management-scheme-collaborative-projects-en.pdf</a>, and will be happy to assist you in refining your request if there is particular information you are interested in.

If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

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.