



**ATISN 15308**

30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

**ATISN 15308 – Windfarm Developments Wales**

Thank you for your request which I received on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021. You asked for:

1. Welsh Government has designated 10 'pre-assessed' areas for Windfarm development in Wales. Could you please clarify whether any company or companies have been selected and contracted to develop these sites and build turbines in these areas, and provide me with the name/names of these companies.
2. Please send me all letters and emails between the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales or her officials, and the company known as 'Bute Energy', between October 2020 and June 2021 regarding windfarm developments in Wales

**Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed.

**Next steps**

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

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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

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### Request 1

Natural Resources Wales manages the Welsh Government Woodland Estate and is required to seek Ministerial agreement to proposals to use the estate over various cost thresholds or of a novel nature. This is set out in an agreement between Welsh Ministers and the Natural Resources Body for Wales (known as NRW) established under Section 83 of the Government of Wales Act.

NRW sought agreement from Welsh Ministers in relation to 3 projects within the Pre-Assessed Areas for Wind Energy:-

<b>Project name</b>	<b>S83 detail</b>	<b>S.83 Ministerial approval and date</b>	<b>Project area within Future Wales Pre-Assessed Areas?</b>
Foel Trawsnant	<b>Company: Pennant Walters Ltd</b>  Consent to Enter into a Non-Exclusive Right of Access for an Onshore Energy Development on neighbouring land	Approved - 23 March 2021	Yes
Upper Ogmore	<b>Company: Renewable Energy Systems</b>  Consent to Enter into a Non-Exclusive Right of Access for an Onshore Energy Development on neighbouring land	Approved - 26 February 2021	Partially (part of the proposed third part agreement access route is within the Pre-Assessed Area and part outwith).

Pant y Wal Extension Wind Farm	<b>Company: Pennant Walters Ltd</b>  Consent to enter into an exclusive Option Agreement for a 2-turbine windfarm development project	Approved - 23 July 2020	Yes

## Request 2

No information held.

## Additional Note

You have been advised in a letter of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 that the Planning Inspectorate Wales may hold information in relation to your request.