

26 June 2023

Dear

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 May 2023. You asked for the following information:

- *Whether an application had been received by Welsh Government, for the change in use of common land to another form of use (ie Transport Hub) next to Junction 36 of the M4,*
- *If so, to share the application in full,*
- *If not possible to share, advise of the date of submission, rationale within the application, the plan for development and current status of application (ie is it approved?)*
- *Whether there has been any form of consultation with the public who use such common land for right of access, livestock grazing and recreation*
- *Whether Welsh Government issues guidance, policy or strategy for developers in choosing brown field sites first before green field sites?*

I can confirm Welsh Government has not received an application to change the use of common land to another form of use at junction 36 of the M4.

Paragraphs 3.55 and 3.56 of Planning Policy Wales Edition 11 sets out National Planning Policy approach to development on previously developed land.

https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf

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 e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely