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Dear

## **ATISN 18854 – Renewable Energy Projects**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 August 2023. You asked for:

“How many renewable energy projects, of which require UK Government approval, has the Welsh Government asked for UK Government approval in the last five years?

Of those, how many have been rejected by the UK Government?”

You clarified the request with:

I am referring to the first point you made - "One interpretation would be about how many renewable energy projects the Welsh Government has itself developed and taken through a planning process requiring a UK Government decision. "

### **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government.

Welsh Ministers make consenting decisions on energy projects up to 350 MW and all onshore wind projects irrespective of size. Large scale renewable energy projects are generally commercially led. The Welsh Government has not to date developed projects at this scale.

The decisions taken by UK Government on nationally significant projects in Wales are available online from the Planning Inspectorate website at [Wales | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

### **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 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