

Art.17 reports email dialogue with NRW [reverse order]:

[Muirhead, Donna](#) 16 Sep

To: ian miller

Dear Dr Miller,

I would like to apologise for the delay in my acknowledgement as I have been out of the office.

I can confirm that I am discussing with the Regional Managers and a response will be with you shortly.

Kind Regards

Donna

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From: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 16 September 2013 14:41

To: Muirhead, Donna

Subject: Re.: Newborough information request 060913

Dear Ms Muirhead,

I've had no acknowledgement of my email of the 06/09/13 concerning the withheld Art.17, 6 yearly habitat assessment reports for Newborough.

Could you let me know what is happening and whether I need to pursue this issue through other channels?

Yours sincerely,
Dr Ian Miller

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>
To: "Muirhead, Donna" <Donna.Muirhead@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, 6 September 2013, 9:47
Subject: Re: Newborough information request

Art.17, 6 yearly habitat assessment reports for the SAC at Newborough

Dear Ms Muirhead,

I believe you have been misled by the staff member responsible for these reports since I have NRW's habitat assessment reports for all of Wales and these were apparently delivered to JNCC in early April. These 'all Wales' reports could only be completed with a full and complete assessment of the habitats at Newborough. I have included one of the five specific dune habitat type reports and you can see it is dated 08/04/13 and sent on the 12/04/13.

I understand from one of your NRW senior colleagues that John Ratcliffe is the officer concerned. It would appear that he is withholding the habitat assessment reports.

I would appreciate it if you could look into this and expedite making the reports available.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Ian Miller

[Note: a subsequent query to JNCC provided information that the revised final reports were actually delivered to JNCC in Feb., 2013; very minor edits were added in Aug., 2013](#)

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To: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>
Cc: "Muirhead, Donna" <Donna.Muirhead@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2013, 15:03
Subject: RE: Newborough information request

Dear Dr Miller,

Please see attached the Scott Wilson report (which I was unaware that NRW was making available on our website) and the Ken Pye reports.

However the habitat assessment reports for the SAC are still not complete.

Please be aware of the para below which covers the reports.
Kind regards

Donna

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From: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 16 August 2013 10:15

To: Muirhead, Donna

Subject: Re: Newborough information request

Dear Ms Muirhead,

A license suggests some sort of restriction regarding distribution of content. The information is for the community of Newborough and the wider public who are stakeholders. Perhaps you could explain the details of the restrictions of the license and also the rationale for those restrictions.

Regards

Dr Ian Miller

From: "Muirhead, Donna" <Donna.Muirhead@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
To: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2013, 8:23
Subject: RE: Newborough information request

Dear Dr Miller,

I have not withheld the Scott Wilson report I simply stated you could have it under license.

Can you confirm you want it so that I can send the license?

With regards to the rest of the reports I'll get back to you.

Thank you

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From: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 15 August 2013 15:36
To: Muirhead, Donna
Subject: Re: Newborough information request

Dear Ms Muirhead,

There are three NRW sources of information that I was expecting to see in the documents you delivered. One is the forest management report you referred to and in addition I expected to see the latest, 2013, Kenneth Pye Associates report commissioned by NRW and the latest round of Habitat Directive Art. 17, 6 yrly, habitat assessment reports for the SAC. The Art. 17 HD reports must be over due by now and the Pye Associates report should also be available.

Could you provide a detailed rationale for withholding the Scott Wilson report on forest mgnt? It is obviously of particular interest and concern to the public how decisions about species mix etc are arrived at and this report presumable is part of that process so of direct interest to the public. Unless there are very specific and well founded reasons for non-disclosure I would suggest you need to check you are not in breach of the Arhus Convention.

Best regards
Dr Ian Miller

From: "Muirhead, Donna" <Donna.Muirhead@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
To: "ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk" <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 August 2013, 11:56
Subject: RE: Newborough information request

Dear Dr Miller,

Please see attached.
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From: Access to Information Team
Sent: 19 July 2013 10:50
To: Muirhead, Donna
Subject: FW: Newborough information request

From: ian miller <ianoceans@yahoo.co.uk>

Sent: 17 July 2013 12:17 PM

To: Access to Information Team

Subject: Newborough information request

Natural Resources Wales [NRW]

Re. Abermenai to Aberffraw Dunes SAC/Newborough Forest

17/0713

Attention: Access to information team, NRW

I'm interested in information concerning the dune habitats and forest at the Newborough site within the Abermenai to Aberffraw dunes SAC. In particular any reports, surveys, monitoring, consultants reports and planning documents that relate to the conservation status & management of dune habits and the future structure and planned management of the forest.

I'm interested in more recent information, 2011 to the present, and already have access to the outside consultants report by Ken Pye Associates so that may be excluded from the request. I also have the earlier Forestry Commission Forest Management Plan [FMP].

If for some reason information is withheld I would appreciate a detailed statement of the reasons for such a withholding of information.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ian Miller