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Dear Prof Trevor Ashenden.

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information (ATI0000876) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

"In 2009 the Marine Conservation Society was awarded a grant of £40,000 for a project to raise the public's awareness of HPMCZ. According to a previous FOI response the reference number is GU9103. At the start of the project there would have been some form of document to define what the outcomes and deliverables of the grant would be.

The purpose of the grant was to raise awareness of the marine biodiversity of Welsh waters, and the need for and benefits of designating highly protected sites to help conserve biodiversity and support ecosystem recovery and resilience. A further purpose was to encourage public interaction with the site selection process.

At the end of the project there would have been some form of report submitted by MCS setting out what had been done for the public funds given.

We request copies of these documents so that we can see what was done to make the people of Wales aware of HPMCZ".

Please see attached a copy of the final report. In order to provide you with as much information as possible, we have also attached copies of several output reports received at each claim period of the grant (every three months), along with CCW notes to authorise payment of each claim. Unfortunately we have been unable to locate one of these output reports. Nevertheless, the seven output documents provided clearly show how we assessed the project as it progressed and exactly what was undertaken as part of the grant.

Please note that this information is covered by copyright law.

We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals and complaints procedure, a copy of which is attached

Yours sincerely

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Donna Muirhead

Access to Information Officer



2. Appeals and Complaints procedure

## **Appeals**

If you are not happy with our refusal to release information and wish to appeal, you should write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW) who will consider your appeal (unless he was involved in the original decision to refuse information, in which case another director will consider the appeal). Explain your appeal and mention any letters you have already sent us.

If you are still not satisfied you have a right of appeal to:

<u>Information Commissioner's Office</u>, Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625545700 or e-mail: <u>mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk</u>

## **Complaints Procedure**

If you wish to make a complaint about the way your request was handled by CCW, use our formal Complaints Procedure Write to Adrian Williams, Director of Planning & Resources, (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). He will investigate your complaint thoroughly and reply within two weeks of receiving your letter.

If you are still not happy, write to Roger Thomas, Chief Executive (Countryside Council for Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW). Explain your complaint and mention any letters you have already sent us.

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