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FOI 16-006

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – *Information relating cold war sites*

Thank you for your request for information. As Museum Secretary for Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales, I am responsible for responding to your request for information.

I refer to your email of 09 February, in which you asked for the following information:

Has your department consider creation of a museum using any of the cold war sites, for civil defence, within Cardiff or any other location in Wales?

RESPONSE

Our response is in two parts as there are two ways in which Amgueddfa Cymru ('the Museum') could acquire sites of the nature you describe. We have defined 'your department' to mean the Museum:

1. The Museum *actively seeks to acquire* specific items to add to the collections. This method of acquisition directly addresses your Freedom of Information request.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 sets out the terms under which we might refuse a request. This is on the basis that 'deciding whether [we] hold the information would mean [we] exceed the cost limit, for example, because it would require an extensive search in a number of locations'. This is the case here and therefore this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

2. The Museum can also *be offered* sites / buildings / items for the collections. I confirm that the Museum has not been offered a cold war site, for civil defence, within Cardiff or any other location in Wales.

Your request was considered according to the principles set out in the National Assembly's Code of Practice on Public Access to Information (third edition). The Code is published on the Internet at www.information.wales.gov.uk.

If you believe that I have not applied the Code of Practice on Public Access to Information correctly or have not followed the relevant laws, please contact me to request a first-stage review. If, after that, you are still not satisfied you may request a formal review by Amgueddfa Cymru. When dealing with any concerns, we will follow the principles of the National Museum of Wales's Code of Practice on Complaints. This is available from:

Mr. Neil Wicks
Director of Finance and Corporate Resources
Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NP

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

I apologise that Amgueddfa Cymru cannot assist you with the literal interpretation of your request, but if you have any further queries or concerns then please contact me via my email address.

Yours sincerely.

Elaine J Cabuts
Museum Secretary