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Pembrokeshire CC South Quay development audit report

I am writing in response to your email dated 5 April 2024 in which you requested information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) concerning an Audit Report instructed by Pembrokeshire County Council regarding South Quay Development, Pembroke.

I can now confirm that we do hold the report you refer to.

I am withholding the report from disclosure under regulation 12(5)(d) of the EIR 2004, which protects the confidentiality of proceedings, where that confidentiality is provided by law. Section 54(1) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 sets out a 'restriction on disclosure of information' thereby prohibiting disclosure of information relating to another person or body which is obtained during an audit, except under the conditions laid out in subsections (2). None of those circumstances are met in this case, so disclosure is prohibited and would be an offence. As such, disclosure of this information would adversely affect the confidentiality of proceedings in relation to audit and I have concluded that the balance of public interest lies against disclosure under the EIR.

Kind regards,

Information Officer