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FOI REQUEST

Please could you supply me with a list of all Fire Hydrants for which you have coverage? I understand that all Fire and Rescue services have access to a list of hydrant locations.

Further to this, I would like to know the following for all fire hydrants in your administrative region:

1. Location in Easting and Northing coordinates
2. Please give an indication as to whether the fire hydrant is still in use
3. Responsible water supplier

I can confirm that the water supplier covering this area is Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru.

However, with regards to your request for information requesting details of the location and status of each hydrant, I am not obliged to provide this information.

This information is considered to be exempt by virtue of Section 24(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 200 – which covers National Security, as well as Section 38 (1) (a) and (1) (b) which covers information which may, if disclosed, be likely to the physical or mental health and/or safety of individual.

The release of the information can allow people to build a picture of the water supply infrastructure in Wales and beyond – which could allow the water supply to be accessed with malicious intent. SWFRS takes its obligation to public safety and welfare extremely seriously and as such cannot and will not disclose information that may pose any risk to the public that we serve.

This stance is supported by a previous decision notice issued by the information Commissioner (FS50585724).

Please note that a disclosure under FOI is considered a release to the

general public. Anything disclosed must be made available to anyone who may then ask for it – and the information cannot be controlled. Therefore any disclosure consideration made by SWFRS is based on that premise.