**Date issued:** 6th of March 2023

**Freedom of Information Request** 28/23

We are writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our Data and Information Management Policy.

**You asked for the following information:**

In Taff's Well, where TfW is trying to close a level crossing. Apparently, a risk assessment and an impact assessment have been carried out. Would it be possible to get a copy of these documents please?

I requested the risk assessment (which I understand TfW has claimed to have carried out), but I seem to have been sent a line from a spreadsheet with a date of 2019. The spreadsheet line is mostly incomprehensible, with abbreviated headers, truncated fields from the conversion to PDF, and one field that seems to suggest it was due for reassessment in Feb 21. I presume this isn't actually the risk assessment that was carried out?

The officer's report is interesting, but seems to be an RCT council document rather than a TfW document. The important information such as the application, are supposed to be added as appendices, but these are missing.

**RESPONSE**

Please see the attached documents.

A few things to note –

* The attached Risk Assessment is from Network Rail and has been used to inform our decision of closing the Level Crossing. For information, we are currently conducting a further, more up to date Level Crossing that will be concluded mid-April.

Nonetheless, the Risk Assessment is likely to mirror the recommendations of closure, specifically considering that the trains per hour will be significantly increasing from present day.

* In relation to the RCT document –

Work and assessments of various source data to date with regards to this level crossing has been undertaken by Transport for Wales’(TfW) Managing Agent, Amey Infrastructure Wales (AIW).

It is both AIW, their designers and specialist sub-contractors who have assessed the risks pertinent to this level crossing, therefore there is not a specific TfW headed paper with regards to the proposed closure of this crossing.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cdwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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