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**Carriages and Churchlands development**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) Act request of 4 November 2019. You requested the following information:

- The 8am train from Llanishen station was packed again today, leaving people unable to board at both Llanishen and heath high level. Yet again the train had 2 carriages where as mid morning trains often consist of 3-5 carriages, most of which are empty.
  - Why does tfl think this is sensible or acceptable?
  - What are the plans in place to accommodate the many hundreds - thousands of extra commuters that will be created with the construction of the new Churchlands development between Lisvane and Pontprennau? Given the road network is also inadequate and the current rail system cannot cope with the commuters it currently has?

We are writing to confirm that your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and that Transport for Wales (TfW) has completed its search for the information requested.

We are sorry to hear about your recent difficult with our services. We are introducing additional trains by the end of this year, providing space for 6,500 more commuters every week as part of our December timetable change. We have introduced 215 weekday services so far and will be introducing 186 Sunday services from December. The first brand new rolling stock is on target to enter service in 2022 as promised, after which we will deliver more frequent services. You can find our full timeline for service improvements here: <https://tfw.gov.wales/whats-happening-timeline>

In regard to the Churchlands development, Our plans for the South Wales Metro are published on our website: <https://tfw.gov.wales/south-wales-metro>

However, local transport planning is a matter for Cardiff Council. We work closely with Cardiff Council to help ensure a joined-up approach to the planning and delivery of the Metro.

Yours sincerely

Transport for Wales