

**Date issued:** 22 December 2020

### **Freedom of Information Request**

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 information access policy.

#### **You asked for the following information:**

1. What is the current plan for future extension of the railway line from Aberdare to Hirwaun and within what timescale?
2. Is there a current plan for a train station/car parks in the Llwydcoed area?
3. Is there a proposed car park for train users being located in Llwydcoed as part of the bypass planned?
4. Is there any current plan for a stop to be established in Llwydcoed?
5. Could you provide me with any plans/documentation (redacted if necessary) that would outline the proposals for stations and car parks as part of any proposed extension of the metro line from Aberdare to Hirwaun.

#### **Having reviewed your questions, we are able to provide the following information:**

##### **In response to question 1:**

Currently there is no plan to extend the railway line from Aberdare to Hirwaun. However, we are in the process of developing a business case to extend the South Wales Metro beyond Aberdare as far as Hirwaun. Any substantive work would not commence until the completion of the ongoing major works to transform the Core Valley Lines by 2024.

##### **In response to question 2 & 4:**

Currently there is no plan for a train station or car park in the Llwydcoed area. However, the business case that is being developed as outlined above does include the option for a station in the Llwydcoed area, which could include park and ride provision.

##### **In response to question 3:**

There is no plan to include a car park at Llwydcoed for train users as a part of the A465 Dualling as this falls outside the scope of the project.

##### **In response to question 5:**

Some indicative-site plans for the area have been drawn up, however these are owned by the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council. We suggest that you to make a Freedom of Information request to the council for their disclosure using the following email address:

FreedomOfInformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

We can advise that no funding has been secured for this work at the current time.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**