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Dear ####,

Thank you for contacting Transport for Wales. Your letter dated 6 December 2020 was brought to the attention of the Corporate Governance Department attention by our Chair Scott Waddington. I am a member of the Corporate Governance Advisor with day-to-day ownership of the Freedom of Information process, and I have treated your query as a Freedom of Information request.

Thank you for taking the time to write such a detailed proposal for completing the Cardiff circle line at Coryton, it is clear that you possess a keen understanding of your local area. As you note in your letter, the cases for and against completing the circle line at Coryton have been argued over many decades. However, as Transport for Wales only came into existence in 2016, we have not authored and therefore do not possess any feasibility studies, proposals or reports on this matter.

Instead, I would like to draw your attention to the White Paper for Cardiff Transport published by Cardiff County Council in 2019, which we have enclosed alongside this letter. Proposals for completing the circle line at Coryton are outlined on pages 10 -13.

We have also included the most up-to-date map outlining the scope of the transformation works on the Core Valley Lines (CVL). As you will see from the map, two further stations beyond Coryton have been suggested as 'extendability options' – one at Velindre Hospital and another to serve as a park-and-ride just off the M4 (this would be known as Longwood Drive Station). At present, only passing provision has been made for these two additional stations as the decision to proceed with their construction – and indeed any decision made to go further and complete the Cardiff circle line – lies with Cardiff County Council and fall outside the current scope of our work to transform the CVL.

We hope this information satisfies your land-standing curiosity about the potential for future works to complete the Cardiff circle line at Coryton.

Yours sincerely,

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Corporate Governance Advisor