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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.

Your Questions Answered

Please confirm what plans TFW has for the yard they use behind 2 Roberts Villas, Ty Mawr Road, Llandaff North.

This yard transferred to TfW ownership as part of the National Rail asset transfer of the Core Valley Lines (CVL) in March 2020. The yard will facilitate the transformation of the CVL, which includes the electrification of the track. The electrification of the Core Valleys Lines is a valuable sustainability project. The electrification will reduce the emissions from rail traction on the Core Valleys Lines by 100% by 2023. The increased number of trains will allow people to travel more sustainably and encourage modal shift from private cars. Air pollution is currently the fourth largest contributor to biodiversity loss; ammonia from cars is unregulated and has significant impacts on local habitats. This project meets the goals of a prosperous, resilient, more equal, healthier and globally responsible Wales. It will enable people to access jobs and leisure without the need for a car, it will encourage active travel, and it will better connect communities. It will protect the environment through better management, it will result in reduced pollution and will significantly reduce emissions that affect global warming. The improvements we're making will support the Welsh Government in meeting Wales' ambitious decarbonisation targets, as well as improving both the physical and mental health of the people who live here. We're committed to driving forward the Welsh Government's vision of a high quality, safe, integrated, affordable and accessible transport network that the people of Wales are proud of.

Will this yard be permanent?

Yes, this yard is permanent.

What guidelines staff have been given when working at night while in the yard (i.e. what work is acceptable to do at night and level of noise allowed)?

A briefing will be produced by the TfW contractor responsible for the site to outline the requirements for night-time working. Each contractor is required to liaise with the Local Authority Environmental Health Officer to establish if there are any requirements for controlling noise and if there is a requirement to submit a Section 61 application under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. If required, this application will be reviewed and approved by Amey Infrastructure Wales's Principal Environmental Manager before it is formally submitted to the Local Authority for consideration (Amey Infrastructure Wales is TfW's appointed Infrastructure Manager). On approval, the contractor accepts full responsibility,

and liability, in the management and implementation of the Section 61 conditions throughout the duration of the works.

Will this yard be used for work being completed on the electrification of the railways?

Yes, this yard will be used for work completed on the electrification of the railways.

Was the yard created due to Network Rail selling off other land?

As outlined in our answer to question 1, the yard was transferred to TfW as part of the National Rail asset transfer of the Core Valley Lines. We cannot advise on National Rail's purchase and use of this yard prior to the asset transfer in March 2020.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Kind regards,

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.

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