**Date issued:** 13th of April 2023

**Freedom of Information Request** 50/23

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:**

Would you please detail the work that you are planning to carry out during the 8 month closure of this branch railway.

**RESPONSE**

Please see the below works being carried out –

* Removing the current ‘token exchange signalling system’ in operation between Porth and Ystrad Rhondda and Ystrad Rhondda and Treherbert and replacing it with new modular LED colour light signalling.
* Pretesting the new modular signalling system.
* Redoubling track at the following locations

- Porth to Dinas Rhondda

- Ton Pentre to Ystrad Rhondda

- Ynyswen to Treherbert

* Installing overhead line equipment (including foundation piling, masts, and wiring) between Pontypridd and Treherbert to enable the new tram-trains on electricity and battery.
* Diverting gas and water mains that currently prevent the installation of the above overhead line equipment.
* Building additional station platforms at Treherbert, Ynyswen and Dinas Rhondda stations on the new double track sections. Installing new Access for All footbridges at Ynyswen and Dinas Rhondda to allow passengers to access the new station platforms.
* Modifying platform-train interfaces along the route to enable level boarding onto the new tram-trains.
* Upgrading shelters and waiting rooms at various locations.
* Installing new universal access toilets at Treherbert and Tonypandy.

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/>

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".