**Date issued:** 23rd of November 2023

**Freedom of Information Request** 236/23

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 US…**

**What do TFW actually have to do then with the running of the track.  The crossing closure between cwmbach and Aberaman has been ongoing since April 2023. So when will it reopen please.**

**RESPONSE**

Please see the attached update.

In April 2023, we closed Cwmbach crossing to carry out significant upgrades to the Aberdare line, including the installation of Overhead Line Equipment and a new signalling system. It was also noted that the level crossing needed safety upgrades, such as a new deck, footpath markings, an Overlay Miniature Stop Lights system, and barriers to prevent motorcycles from using the crossing. As we have also redoubled the track through the crossing, therefore the crossing needed to be redesigned to suit.

We are currently in discussion with the local authority to carry out the final work needed to reopen the level crossing. We understand the impact that the closure of the level crossing has had on the community, and we are working to reopen it as soon as we can.

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/>

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