

21 March 2023

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 17182

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 February 2023. You asked for the following information regarding the Roads Review in connection to the Cynon Valley Gateway project:

1. Did the panel members make any site visits to the Cynon Valley?
2. Was the vote to delay the project unanimous?
3. Did the panel engage in any discussion or interview anyone involved in the project?

Our response

I apologise for the delay in responding to you. Please see answers to your questions below:

1. Did the panel members make any site visits to the Cynon Valley?

Yes. Panel members visited the site on 20/4/22 and panel members met with the Local Authority sponsoring officers on 17/5/22.

2. Was the vote to delay the project unanimous?

The question is unclear, so I shall answer both interpretations.

There has not been a vote regarding the project (neither within the Panel making the recommendation, nor within Welsh Government on decision making following the Panel's recommendation).

If the requester means the Panel's recommendation regarding the project, the Panel's report indicates that their recommendations were collectively agreed by them. We hold no recorded information other than this.

3. Did the panel engage in any discussion or interview anyone involved in the project?

Yes. The Panel interviewed representatives of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council on 17/5/22.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely