

Dear

16 January 2024

Request for Information – ATISN 20021

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 December 2023. You asked for information about the cost of improvements to Pontypool and New Inn station and why they were considered necessary.

Our response

The £7.2 million project, funded by Torfaen Council, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and Welsh Government, delivers a strategically significant park and ride site at Pontypool and New Inn Rail Station, which is accessed from the strategic highway network (A4042) including electric vehicle (EV) charging to support the Net Zero Wales agenda. It includes Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant access via a new footbridge with stepped and lift access linking the platform to the new park and ride, the construction of a new merge and diverge slip road connecting the park and ride to the A4042, and improved active travel and bus provision. It has the potential to change travel habits, halt onward travel to the south and in particular discourage travel via the car into towns and cities including Newport across the borough and surrounding area.

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: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

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

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely