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Dear Mr Rowlands,

**Re-opening Crumlin Railway Station.**

Thank you for sending me the Welsh Government Matrix for assessing rail projects and for inviting further comments from me. Firstly, I am not a transport professional and therefore am not qualified to comment on the appropriateness of the methodology utilized by the Welsh Government. However, it is not clear to me that the methodology abides by obligations under the Future Generations Act or achieves the Welsh Government's latest well-being goals. Secondly, I'd reiterate my previous comments about the Crumlin site, in that: -

- it is located near to the street with the highest recorded pollution outside of London.
- It is located amongst the country's poorest communities
- The size of the site presents the rare opportunity to develop a strategically important transport interchange that could potentially lead to modal shift to public transport.
- The site is a large disused industrial site previously in the ownership of the National Coal Board and currently under the management and control of a locally run charitable trust and the development of the station would provide a catalyst for the regeneration of the entire site for the benefit of the community.
- The site is of national importance and remains the best preserved colliery complex in the valleys. It is one of the first built with brick and is a complex containing eleven Grade 2 and Grade 2\* buildings, including two winding engine houses, a fan house, a magnificent chimney, a pumping house, workshops and an art deco bath house.

In conclusion, I would respectfully repeat my previous invitation to you to see and experience the Navigation Site yourselves as my attempt to set the case down on paper does not do it the justice it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Davies