

Transport Advisory Group – 14th August, 2019

Questions Submitted

Councillor Cooksey (via Councillor Fenwick-Green)

1. SYPTE erected two new bus stops on Herringthorpe Valley Road earlier this year to enable passengers to catch the 115 bus in that location. I have now been asked by residents if they will consider a bus shelter on the side where the petrol station is to prevent people getting wet during bad weather.

Answer - It is good news that the stops installed are popular with residents. A shelter request will be submitted on behalf of the councillor however there are a significant number of shelter requests each year and only limited funding. If funding is available in the future this request will be looked along with other shelter requests to prioritise funding. Shelters are available for passengers at the stops near the Post Office on Far Lane and the next set of stops near the Broadway junction.

2. 114 bus route was there any outcome that could be fed back to residents

Background:- “I am a resident in the east ward of Rotherham so I am sending this Email to the three councillors who represent this ward. As you may know the first bus have change the times and routes of the 114 & 115 cancelling the 111 & the 112 leaving the 114 to cover part of the route, the part changing is at top of Central Avenue the 114 is now turning left instead of right. By doing this they are missing the stop outside the main gate of the school, parents with children now have to cross two roads and to walk past the school to where the lollipop man is outside the main gate to cross the main road in safety. It is also encouraging the people that have cars to use them. Now if you think that is good you have got to think this is brilliant. By turning left the bus is also missing out the hospital, the patients now have a choice of three stops. One is walking up Central Avenue along Badsley Moor Lane up a slight incline or walking from The Park up an incline or from Tennyson Road along Browning Road then crossing Badsley Moor Lane, if they are using Breathing Space they will be out of breath before they get there. It also applies to those using other facilities. Now you must admit that is clever. The Yorkshire Post says that Rotherham is the second worse place in England to live I think someone is after first spot.”

Answer - This same comment has been responded to on a number of occasions to the resident and councillors:-

- a. *In terms of the school - No complaints from parents have been received with passenger loading figures showing that the bus service was very lightly used for home to school travel. The nearest stops for the school are very nearby and the roads to cross are the same roads crossed by the majority of pupils and parents who walk to school.*

- b. In terms of access to the old Badsley Moor Lane hospital site, then SYPTE have been liaising with the Clinic Lead for Adult Care, Housing, and Public Health and the request is for stops to be placed to reduce the walking distance. This has been approved by SYPTE for Central Avenue at the junction with Badsley Moor Lane but is subject to highway approval by RMBC.***

- c. There are currently no plans to amend the bus network.***