

Questions from the Transport Advisory Group – 26 May 2022

1. “What is the policy on wastebins at bus stops?. Our litter pickers are placing blue boxes at bus stops on Manvers Way Wath because they don’t have litterbins, they state they are full every week”

Councillor Atkin

Response

“SYMCA do not provide, maintain or empty waste bins located at bus stops. Where these are provided is managed by the local authority although SYMCA contractors will clean in and around bus stops, regardless of if there is a waste bin, when they visit.”

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South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

2. “Thrybergh Parish Council ask, “currently the destination display on buses using the 116 route shows Dalton and Ravenfield would it be possible to have Thrybergh included in the display especially as it is the only service covering estates off the Vale Road area of the village?””

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

Response

“The requirement for bus services is to show the final destination with anything else being at the discretion of the operator. Service 116 uses “via Dalton” to distinguish between service 116 and 3 that both have the same final destination. Service 3 shows “via Wickersley”. The use of Dalton provides the relevant context to passengers as would the use of Thrybergh. However historically there have been some journeys that only operated to or from Thrybergh so the use of via Dalton covers all journeys. This is not currently the case and we will pass the request onto First to consider Thrybergh instead of Dalton although both are perfectly acceptable.”

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3. “Thrybergh Parish Council ask. “as there has been much speculation in the village that the daytime 116 service is set to be reduced to an hourly service, can you please advise on any plans for changes to this service please?””

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

Response

“Current central government funding is maintaining service levels but patronage is below 80% with elderly (ENCTS) travellers much lower. When funding comes to an end, and due to the funding bid made by SYMCA for bus service improvement plans being unsuccessful, there will be significant financial pressures on the network and changes are likely to be needed. The Department for Transport (DfT) has just published its expectations for network reviews which SYMCA and the bus operators are reviewing.”

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4. “The 116 service runs through several communities that are highly deprived and experience several barriers to accessing employment opportunities. Currently the service terminates in Ravenfield on the way to the Hellaby Industrial Estate. What would need to happen to extend the service to the estate and make employment opportunities easier to access for communities along the route?”

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

Response

“A few trips were extended to Hellaby to meet specific shift times for some of the employers. This was negotiated between these businesses and First but demand was not sufficient to make this financially viable. To extend some or all journeys would require additional local authority funding through SYMCA but catering for all start and finish times for the various businesses is unlikely to be deliverable. If there are specific business and shifts that need to be catered for SYMCA can review this as part of the network review required by the DfT.”

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