

Questions to Transport Advisory Group – 17th May, 2023

Question 1 – Councillor C. Carter

There has been reports of anti-social behaviour relating to Brinsworth Academy students at the Bonet Lane bus stop for the 208 service at 14:54. Can this service be re-routed to have an additional stop during term-time to have a pickup in the layby at Brinsworth Academy (on Brinsworth Road), which is accessible on the current route, has much bigger capacity for students, and also would help the Academy manage their students better?



Question 2 – Councillor Griffin

Could the Stagecoach representative give an explanation with regard to the decision to end the number 21 service (which goes along Greystones Road in Whiston) from the beginning of May 2023. It would be good to receive at least an explanation and preferably something about planned developments which might reduce the impact of this decision.

Residents and others with disabilities will struggle to get to such places as doctors surgeries and pharmacies and isolated people will find further difficulties in getting to a variety of places.

Response:- (Stagecoach) Service 21 is operated by Stagecoach and is financially supported by SYMCA. The route has been retendered, along with almost all other tenders. Any decision will be for SYMCA, but we have bid for the route and hope it will continue.

Response:- (SYMCA) We believe that this was mis-information that occurred in the community a while ago that the No. 21 was no longer going to run. There are no changes to the 21 with the current contract extension agreed until the 22nd July, 2023, to retain service continuity. SYMCA are currently tendering for replacement service to the ones already provided from the 23rd July, 2023.

A response from First, the operator, with regard to the request for another stop.

Question 3 – Councillor Wyatt

A question to Northern Rail.

We see frequent cancellations of services from Swinton. For example, during week commencing 10th April, I understand every direct York service was cancelled along with numerous services to Doncaster.

What steps are Northern Rail taking to address the issues which are leading to so many on the day cancellations and an inability to fulfil the timetable.

I hope the consequent drop in recorded passenger numbers will not be used as evidence of lack of demand leading to reduced services going forward.

People cannot travel if there are not trains to travel on.

Response:- Awaited from Northern Rail

Question 4 – Councillor Bennett Sylvester

To RMBC Transportation

Following the fall through of the scheme to reduce congestion on the A630 at Mushroom Roundabout a number of residents have suggested that confusing and poorly maintained road markings on the roundabout may be contributing to poor traffic flows.

Is this something that can be looked into and any remedial action taken please?

Response:-

In respect of maintenance of the existing road markings, the representation made will be passed to the Highways Team for consideration as part of their road marking maintenance programme.

In respect of the clarity of the existing layout, at face value markings appear to be in accordance with national guidance, and there are no issues officers are aware of that would suggest the congestion situation might be improved by re-lining. If we are provided with further detail as to the specific concern we may be able to consider this further. We would also observe that re-lining at the roundabout could not be expected to have any impact on the issue the original scheme was intended to address (that of blocking back from the downstream merge on the Doncaster Road exit). Whilst there may be complaints from some members of the public regarding the layout, this is not atypical at multi-lane roundabouts as a proportion of drivers do find these challenging owing to the relatively busy and complex nature of these junctions - this is typically not something that can be wholly addressed within lining changes.

Question 5 – Councillor Bennett Sylvester

According to visitor surveys 25% of people travelling to Rother Valley Country Park do so by public or sustainable transport while only 11% do so to Thrybergh Country Park.

On the bus route map in Rotherham Interchange Rother Valley is on it Thrybergh is not.

Can this be sorted but also given the X78 routes connectivity to major interchanges and deprived communities across South Yorkshire what is being done to encourage more usage of the bus route to Thrybergh Country Park?

Councillor 6 – Councillor Atkin

When buses are diverted, as they are at moment in Wath, why can passengers not get off at stops on diverted route?