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Councillor Michael Bennett-Sylvester  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

**Question to Council – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Thank you for your question to Council as follows:

***Reportedly due to persistent diesel thefts at the Streetpride Rawmarsh Depot there has been significant disruption to services. Can you please report on the accuracy of this and measures taken to limit disruption?***

Sadly, the Council has suffered as a result of thefts at our operational depots. Of course, each instance of this is reported to the Police for investigation and in addition Council Officers have been working to explore what can be done to improve security at the sites. This has included engaging with the Police 'Designing out Crime Officer' for advice and guidance.

Some specific actions being taken include improvements to CCTV, improving fencing and protective measures, removal/pruning of vegetation to improve sight lines, reviewing where machinery is kept and, in some instances, removing vehicles all together.

The thefts often damage vehicles to remove diesel and this alongside some preventative measures do have an impact on the operation of the services, so the actions are being prioritised and we hope to reduce the impact and risk through continued improvements.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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