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Cllr Paul Thorp

Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Thorp

**Council Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Thank you for your supplementary question to Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

You stated that the response I provided relating to the cycle lane from Sheffield Road along Westgate to Corporation Street contradicted a response that had been sent previously by the Leader about why kerb stones were not being used. You stated that he had centred that point on Blackfriars Bridge which had been done with just a white line. The Blackfriars Bridge had to be altered and a kerb put in because it did not conform to the scheme.

I have been advised that Blackfriars Bridge carries around four times as much traffic as Westgate and so requires a greater level of separation between cyclists and that greater level of traffic.

This is also why the treatment along Sheffield Road changes, from the kerbed separation west of Old Sheffield Road where traffic levels are higher, to a less engineered layout on the quieter part in the town centre, which allows us to create more space for pedestrians and, crucially, saves space to allow us to provide parking

bays to meet local businesses' needs to maintain access and parking near their premises.

I hope you this helps clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Taylor', with a small flourish at the end.

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