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Cllr Michael Bennett-Sylvester
Elected Member

Via email: michael.sylvester@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester,

Council Meeting – Wednesday 20th May 2026

Thank you for your supplementary question at Council on Wednesday 20th May 2026 where you asked if more could be done to look at delays further along the system on Herringthorpe Valley Road in order to improve the traffic flow through that particular area.

I'm sorry for not coming back to you sooner. I have been waiting on further information from the service before writing to you.

As you may be aware, a scheme is proposed by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) to provide additional bus priority on Doncaster Road to mitigate for congestion for public transport, although it is acknowledged this is not expected to have any impact on Herringthorpe Valley Road. A public consultation was held on these proposals earlier in the year with details available on the SYMCA website at <https://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/bus-lane-review>

In looking ahead at the next round of funding through Transport for City Regions 2027-2032 and the criteria set by Government, I'm advised it does not include relief of traffic congestion. However, it continues to support public transport priority, measures to facilitate walking and cycling as well as measures to support the delivery of new homes and to reduce the incidence of death and serious injury on the roads. As such, I'm afraid it is unlikely the Council will be able to bring about any congestion relief scheme at this location in the near future.

I'll be happy to arrange officer attendance at a suitable ward meeting to discuss your concerns further; officers will be in touch with the Neighbourhoods team to make the necessary arrangements.

I appreciate this may not be the answer you were hoping for and if you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of the Transportation Infrastructure Service, Lucy Hudson, by email at transportation@rotherham.gov.uk or on telephone number 01709 382121.

Yours sincerely,



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