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Councillor Michael Bennett-Sylvester
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Via email: Michael.sylvester@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Question to Council – Wednesday 29th November 2023

Thank you for your question to Council as follows:

Thank you for your answer at the last IPSC why rail services through Rotherham Central were disrupted. Do future measures ensure that the electrical equipment at Parkgate will be protected or do other measures need to be considered?

I can advise that the Council is aware from our partnership working with Network Rail that they monitor weather forecasts and have processes and procedures for removing sensitive electrical equipment from their network which they did during Storm Babet.

The Council is working with Network Rail to deliver a number of our priority flood alleviation schemes including the Parkgate and Rawmarsh project. The design of any future flood alleviation scheme will reduce flood risk to the rail network.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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