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Councillor Drew Tarmey
Elected Member

Via email: drew.tarmey@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Tarmey

Supplementary question at Council – 29th November 2023

Thank you for your supplementary question to Council on 29th November regarding whether the lane marking on Todwick roundabout could be having an impact on congestion.

Of course roundabouts can be affected by how the road markings are set up. Changing or adding these markings could help traffic flow better. However, Transport officers advise that it's important to know that changing the markings might also slow down traffic on other roads connected to the roundabout. So, before making any changes, it's crucial to understand how much traffic each road leading to the roundabout gets. This is especially important here, where the A57 is a major road connecting directly to the M1 motorway.

The Council will also need to think about whether the proposed changes fit with the rules and how other nearby roundabouts are set up. This is important to make sure drivers follow the rules when using the roundabout. Making changes without careful thought could make things worse and lead to more accidents, making the road network less reliable.

To figure out how changes might affect the Red Lion Roundabout, we would need to investigate the current road markings and identify whether improvements are feasible. While there isn't a plan to do this right now, the service is exploring the possibility because of the concerns you have expressed about the current situation.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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