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Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Council Meeting – Wednesday 17th July 2024

Thank you for your supplementary question to Council on 17th July 2024. I have set out your question and my response below:

You stated that the A630 between the Mushroom Roundabout and the junction with Magna Lane was an area with extreme congestion. There were two other routes feeding into this route and it was felt that a lot of that congestion was being driven by housebuilding in places such as Ravenfield, Wickersley and more localised brownfield sites in Thrybergh. You asked when some kind of work or plan could be expected to look at handling congestion in the area generally?

I can advise that the Council has commissioned a study to look at providing improvements to walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in the vicinity of Mushroom Roundabout. SYMCA are currently working with RMBC officers, investigating bus priority measures along the corridor and I would be happy to arrange for Officers to provide more details subsequently.

Whilst these measures would not provide more capacity for motorised traffic, they would provide some people with opportunity to travel in a manner that might avoid them being delayed by, and contributing to, traffic congestion. This will also help improve the commercial position of bus operations, such that there is reduced risk of increase bus operating costs and reduced patronage rendering services unviable, resulting in cuts to service which remove an option for people to travel.

The first of these studies considered opportunities to increase capacity at Mushroom Roundabout. This was found these infeasible in light of site constraints, and current Department for Transport requirements that schemes funded by them also include improved walking, cycling and/or bus priority infrastructure.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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

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