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Cllr Michael Bennett-Sylvester  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

**Question raised at Council Meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Thank you for the question you raised in relation to Minute 122 of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2025 – Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy.

You stated that you were disappointed that the work on the A630 would not be going ahead at this point and asked if S.106 money was used for the Chesterhill Development that was part of the sustainable travel plan and, if so, was there anything remaining. You also asked that, since the scheme scored so highly in regard to being able to use the CIL, did this guarantee a primary spot when the Department for Transport funding came forward? You asked if you and Councillor Ryalls could have briefing on the matter.

I can advise that the Strategic CIL report considered the A630 Rotherham East extension scheme (Doncaster Road between its junctions at Mushroom Roundabout and with Magna Lane) but has not been brought forward at this point. This is because a new round of Department of Transport funding is anticipated, to fund delivery of strategic transport infrastructure schemes in the period 2027-2032. The decision to defer the allocation is to ensure the Strategic CIL fund is allocated at the right time, and other funding sources should be explored prior to its allocation.

The A630 Rotherham East scheme (Fitzwilliam Road and St Ann's Roundabout) has been through the first round of consultation before Christmas 2024. The Transport Infrastructure Service is currently reviewing the consultation responses and intends to carry out further design and engagement process in 2025.

Future funding from the Department of Transport remains uncertain at present. Discussions with SYMCA and senior management will be held when further details become available, including any separate bidding processes to be applied. This would be entirely separate from the Strategic CIL process, however, should the scheme fail to secure alternative funding, an application can be made in future rounds of Strategic CIL. A new application would be required as the funding, cost and assessment process may change over time.

### Chesterhill Development

The enquired development relates to planning permission RB2019/1967 for the erection of 237 dwellinghouses at Land at Oldgate Lane, Thrybergh.

The S106 contribution to sustainable travel refers to:

*A contribution to be paid by the Developer to the Council in the sum of £118,500 (one hundred and eighteen thousand and five hundred pounds) Index Linked and applied by the Council towards sustainable travel measures to support the Development, the need for which directly arises from the Development (the latest index linked figure being £150,028.45 to be spent by September 2028).*

The use of S106 funds is different from Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy as they serve different levels of infrastructure provision and are subject to different regulations. CIL is intended to provide infrastructure to support development at a strategic level across the Borough; S106 planning obligations are imposed to ensure the consequences of a specific development can be mitigated, where otherwise planning permission should not be granted.

In line with Supplementary Planning Document 12: Transport Assessments, Travel Plans and Parking Standards (para 53), the planning obligation to promote sustainable transport with a sum of £500 per dwelling is to fund a range of measures which might include, but not be limited to:

- Provision of a subsidised public transport ticket
- A discount voucher for a pedal cycle
- Cycle hire scheme
- Regular Dr Bike visits to the site or convenient nearby location
- Individual or family cycle training
- Provision of an enhanced bus service (larger developments)
- Membership of a car club (where available)
- Provision of a car share group
- Mechanisms to deliver real-time public transport information
- Personal journey planning
- Improvements to infrastructure which, when provided, will improve pedestrian accessibility, in particular to services and facilities

The Transport Infrastructure Service has confirmed that the S106 funds for this development have not been spent to date. The service is currently considering contributing towards the provision of cycle hub visits in the area, however alternative suggestions are welcomed.

If you would like to discuss further, I would be happy to arrange a meeting with you, Cllr Ryalls and officers.

Yours sincerely



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