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Councillor Michael Bennett-Sylvester
Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Bennett-Sylvester,

Question raised at Council – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for the question you raised in relation to minutes 31 and 32 from the Cabinet meeting on 7th July 2025 where you asked about the public realm works on Effingham Street and the Town Centre Health Hub. You asked for clarity on what work was being done in terms of ensuring the quality in the works due to improvements on Bridgegate and College Street now looking grubby, only a few years after completion. You also asked if the two schemes could be linked in order to make parking more accessible.

I can advise that Environmental Services have conducted a visit to this area, and they have confirmed that it is on the Council's schedule for cleansing and includes a range of different cleansing activities to maintain the area. The team have confirmed the schedules are being maintained and the management team will give additional oversight over the coming weeks.

Parking and drop-off arrangements will form a core part of the Health Hub project's feasibility and design work and will be shaped by the requirements of occupiers and their customers. The former Boots building has a rear car park off Henry Street, expected to be used mainly for staff, but with potential for some limited blue-badge provision. While the Effingham Street frontage is pedestrianised, nearby non-pedestrianised streets will also be considered as potential drop-off and pick-up points. These considerations will be developed in parallel with the Council's wider town centre parking approach and new weekday parking offer, with the Health Hub and Effingham Street public realm works being coordinated to ensure there is no conflict.

Yours sincerely



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