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Cllr Adam Tinsley
Elected Member

Via email: adam.tinsley@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Tinsley

Question at Council – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for you're the question you raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 10th September. I have set out your question and my response below:

With the review of waste collection routes and new working methods, are there plans to reduce the number of bin lorries or collection routes?

The route optimisation programme is not yet fully implemented but is now starting to be rolled out. Testing of some routes and Engagement with crews has commenced and testing of some routes is now underway, with full implementation expected to start in October.

Initial indications are that the recycling rounds can drop by one Refuse Collection Vehicle, and that fuel and carbon savings will also be seen across all collection streams.

It's important to note that our routes must remain flexible to accommodate ongoing changes such as new housing developments, recycling point installations, and

highway alterations. These factors mean that any decisions about reducing routes or vehicles will need to be carefully considered over time.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marshall".

Cllr Lynda Marshall
Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces