Petition Update from the Deputy Mayor for Transport, received by email on 20 February 2025

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for sharing the petition to add a Superloop 3 (SL3) stop at Bexley Village War Memorial

I understand that improved connections to the Elizabeth line would be highly appealing to residents of Bexley Village. However, it is important to weigh these potential benefits against the impact on demand for the SL3 service and on passengers who would experience longer journey times.

Transport for London (TfL) assesses the feasibility of adding stops like this by analysing various data, including current usage, interchange patterns, and population or catchment figures. This data is then combined with travel time forecasts to estimate how demand would respond to any proposed service changes.

Introducing a stop at Bexley Village would require a substantial route change and mean that the SL3 would no longer run directly between Sidcup and Bexleyheath. As bus routes 229 and 269 already service Bexley Village, changing the SL3 would mean that it would mirror one of these existing bus routes, as well as reduce the speed and reliability of the Superloop service.

While I appreciate that introducing an additional bus stop would increase demand to and from Bexley Village, this must be balanced against the potential impact on approximately 2,400 through passengers – roughly 40 per cent of the total route usage – who would face increased journey times. TfL has estimated that this would add between two to four minutes to each journey.

The Superloop network has been designed to provide fast, direct journeys between key destinations. TfL has therefore considered the benefits of an additional SL3 stop and concluded that they would not outweigh the broader negative impacts on passengers using this express bus route. As a result, TfL will not be introducing this stop.

While I appreciate that this response will be disappointing, I hope you can understand the rationale for the decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Mayor for Transport