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Adding Bexley Village to the Superloop (SL3)

Dear Seb,

We are writing to you regarding the SL3 Superloop service between Thamesmead and Bromley North. The service, now a year old, has been popular with local residents and businesses but does not include Bexley Village.

As you will know, when travelling southbound, the SL3 cannot run Transport for London's (TfL) preferred route between Sidcup and Bexleyheath via Penhill Road because buses cannot turn right from Arbuthnot Lane onto Blendon Road. Instead, the bus route runs temporarily by Bexley Village, which it has done since it started and will do for the foreseeable future.

TfL has requested that Bexley Council undertake work at the Arbuthnot Lane junction. Still, there is an opportunity to change the route to include a stop at Bexley Village without disrupting the service. Penhill Road is already heavily congested, and Bexley Council believes making the temporary route permanent in both directions would save time, allowing for an additional stop at the Bexley Village War Memorial.

Bexley Village is a historic place with a high street packed with small, independent shops, cafes and pubs. Residents also want to use the Superloop, especially to access the Elizabeth Line in Abbey Wood. There is a strong demand from the community and local businesses for the service to include Bexley Village.

While we appreciate that the Superloop cannot serve all stops and is designed to be an express service, there are many benefits to adding this stop, and it would come with little delay to the service. The SL3 would continue to be an express service between town centres but would better reflect the travel demands of local passengers.

Yours sincerely,

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