

2.13 Deputy C. J. Scott Warren of the Minister for Transport regarding improvements to pedestrian safety in the Longueville Road area of St. Saviour:

Would the Minister implement measures to improve pedestrian safety when crossing Longueville Road at Miladi Parade and Clos Gosset prior to further housing developments in the Longueville area of St. Saviour?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):

I have been prepared to implement pedestrian safety measures along Longueville Road but as Deputy Scott Warren is aware the failure to acquire a parcel of land has meant that a pedestrian refuge planned for Miladi Parade has not been possible. I would stress that Transport and Technical Services wanted to install this facility but was unable to do so because the failure of the land transaction did not allow a sufficient width of roadway for the pedestrian refuge to be installed. If further housing developments, or indeed commercial developments, are approved along this stretch of road I am sure that the next or subsequent Minister for Transport and Technical Services will push for a developer contribution to ensure pedestrian and road safety is improved. In fact, the proposed Checkers development includes the provision of a signalised junction where Plat Douet Road joins Longueville Road. This will incorporate pedestrian phases and will improve the safety measures in the vicinity that Deputy Scott Warren refers to.

2.13.1 Deputy C. J. Scott Warren:

While the pedestrian facilities that the Minister has just detailed at the junction of Plat Douet Road and Longueville Road would provide some help for children and adults crossing Longueville Road to the bus stop does the Minister agree that replacement funds are urgently needed to lessen the likelihood of serious pedestrian accidents along Longueville Road?

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye:

At risk of being even more tedious to Members than I have been in the past, it is a matter of fact that the Transport and Technical Services Department is bereft of sufficient funding in a number of its budgets including small roadworks improvements. I have no doubt that if further funding was available given the relevant priorities this would be an area that the department would wish to progress.

Deputy C.J. Scott Warren:

I thank the Minister for his answer.