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14 The Connétable of St. Helier of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the decision to implement a one-way flow of traffic in Green Street: (OQ.206/2019)

When will the Minister implement the decision of the States of 4th June 2019 concerning a one-way flow of traffic in Green Street, St. Helier?

Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Infrastructure):

The Constable will have already seen the proposed changes, which have been sent to him for consultation. As the Constable will be aware from his work with the Parish, roads authorities must follow a process of due diligence before implementing any changes to ensure the safety of the public and avoid hazardous unforeseen consequences. Under the proper road safety audit process, it necessarily takes effort and time; I now anticipate the scheme will be implemented within the next 6 weeks, subject to co-ordination with other works in the area.

[11:30]

3.14.1 The Connétable of St. Helier:

Could the Minister outline for Members what exactly is being suggested for the street and could he also explain to me why a resident, who recently emailed the department for an update on the scheme, was told that no information was available and so that person is still in the dark about whether the one-way system is going to be implemented, or not?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I am not sure which resident the Constable is referring to, but if he would like to forward that to me I would be more than happy to deal with that. The revised plan includes a section of one-way northbound, delivering the spirit of the Proposition; however it remains a 2-way exit from the businesses at the southern end. Similarly, the plan retains a 2-way access to the Cedars from the roundabout, with no-entry signs located as the road narrows beyond this entrance. The scheme also has minor technical alterations, which remove the need for an additional 6 large signs, thus protecting the area from further sign clutter. Considering the impact on sustainable travel options, I am exempting buses and cycles, allowing us to maintain the excellent bus service in the area. This limited southbound traffic also mitigates concern over increased vehicle speed and safety concerns about the need for emergency services to occasionally travel southbound, which was not discussed initially when the Proposition was debated.

3.14.2 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade:

Would the Minister outline the expected, or anticipated, costs of the changes at Green Street?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I do not have the costs with me, but they will not be extortionate, because basically it is signage and a limited amount of structural work to the kerbs in that particular area, so it is predominantly signage.

3.14.3 The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Could I ask the Minister to please let Members know what the costs might be?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I will do.

3.14.4 The Connétable of St. Helier:

I am grateful to the Minister for his comprehensive explanation, if that had been given to the resident who asked, I probably would not have put the question down. But could he just explain to us how the 2-way system will be retained for buses, which I think we all welcome, whether that will still involve vehicles mounting the pavement, which is one of the original issues that we brought to the Assembly?

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

I believe there may be some slight alterations to the paving on either side, but, as I say, the traffic flow will be restricted southbound to buses, cycles and emergency vehicles, so it will be limited traffic.