

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023**

Question

“In relation to the Town Link Bus (Route 20), will the Minister advise –

- (a) why the route stopped servicing the South Hill/Bingham Court area;
- (b) what notice, if any, was given to the public regarding the loss of the bus service to this area; and
- (c) whether any consideration is being given to reinstating the service to this area?”

Answer

- a. The Town Link bus service no longer operates to Pier Road, Fort Regent and South Hill because of low passenger numbers.

This area was not originally included in the Town Bus service but LibertyBus decided to add Pier Road on a trial basis to assess demand for a service primarily serving Haut Du Mont flats. Subsequently, the route was modified slightly to call at the Vaccination Centre at Fort Regent, a replacement for the dedicated minibus shuttle service which had been operating for a time.

After the Haut Du Mont major incident in December 2022, road closures meant that buses could no longer turn left downhill as they exited Fort Regent. Instead, they were diverted temporarily past Bingham Court. This was never intended to be a long-term arrangement and is not a viable route, so it has not been included in the LibertyBus Spring-Summer timetable for 2023.

- b. The revised route was communicated to the public in the published timetable booklet.
- c. LibertyBus keeps timetables under continuous review and there are opportunities in advance of seasonal changes in service levels to consider alterations. Bingham Court is a short distance away from bus stops on Green Street where a very comprehensive timetable on bus service number 1 is provided, several times per hour from early in the morning to late in the evening, seven days a week.