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4.13 Deputy M. Tadier of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the speed limit at La Pulente and on Mont de la Pulente (OQ.63/2024)

Will the Minister advise whether a reduction in the speed limit at La Pulente and on Mont de la Pulente will be implemented this year; and, if not, why not?

The Connétable of St. John (The Minister for Infrastructure):

I thank the Deputy for his question. I can confirm it is the intention for a 30-mile-an-hour speed limit to be introduced on Mont de la Pulente. The aim is for this change to occur by summer, by the end of July.

4.13.1 Deputy M. Tadier:

Can I thank the Minister for that? I know that it has been a recurring theme for a lot of the residents of the area and users of the area. Will the Minister just maybe clarify how residents will be informed and that this should be able to be done quite smoothly with consultation having been taken already?

The Connétable of St. John:

One thing that springs to my notice is the length of time it takes us from the time we start a consultation on a speed limit review, for example, to the time we make a decision and implement it. Clearly, there are a number of processes to follow. For example, in this case, it needs to be part of a speed limit order amendment. That includes other Parish - other roads in St. Ouen and St. Mary - changes. I know from my own experience in St. John the length of time it takes, and I am trying to encourage officers to think about the customer, the people, the public who have requested these things to happen and how we can deliver things quickly or more quickly while following process.

4.13.2 The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Would the Minister confirm that in any speed mitigation the raised table may be considered at La Pulente, given that signage on its own generally does not work and the recent loss of a large tree in the area after the storms has created a position which would lend itself very well to a table that I mentioned?

The Connétable of St. John:

I thank the Constable for his question. I am not sure if a raised table has been considered in this area but it is a question I will ask of officers, and I will get back personally to the Constable. Only recently I stood with another Constable watching traffic where a raised table was in place and I think a lot depends on the height of that table as to the effectiveness of them.

4.13.3 Deputy J. Renouf:

A similar theme. First of all, I would like to thank the Minister for the update on that, which will be welcomed by residents. Is the Minister confident that the resources exist to enforce the speed limit in that area?

The Connétable of St. John:

It is like every speed limit, the Deputy is absolutely right, it is all about enforcement. I had a very productive meeting with the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and officers from her department and my department recently about implementation of speed detection. We also had

a very useful presentation at the Comité des Connétables. So I am confident that progress is being made in that area, but I would invite the Deputy to come and stand with me in my garden on any Sunday from 7.30 in the morning and he will realise the problem is not limited to St. Brelade.

4.13.4 Deputy M. Tadier:

Simply to ask if the Minister will convey my thanks to the officers in the department? I know that they have been very responsive and they juggle with a lot of competing needs, so will he convey that on behalf of the Parish Deputies and maybe the Parish itself?

The Connétable of St. John:

I would be delighted to do so, thank you.