

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON
TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2003 BY DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT**

Question

With regard to pavement widening, bollard installation and other similar road alterations within St. Helier's ring road undertaken during the last few years, would the President –

- (a) advise whether the emergency services were fully consulted prior to such alterations?
- (b) state whether the emergency services have indicated that any such roads have become more difficult to use, for example, by having to mount the pavement, or have become impassable for use as a result of these alterations and, if so, would the President advise which roads are involved and give a brief description of the problems?

Answer

This answer covers the States of Jersey Police and the Fire and Rescue Service, but I understand that the President of Health and Social Services can respond in respect of the Ambulance Service:

- (a) Both emergency services normally have excellent contact with the Public Services Department and the Parish of St. Helier and plans are submitted for comment on all major road calming measures. Unfortunately, the Fire and Rescue Service report that this consultation did not extend to the series of new traffic bollards that have recently been installed in some areas of St. Helier.
- (b) The Fire and Rescue Service has concerns about the siting of some of these installations as they make the passage of fire appliances, particularly the Aerial Ladder Platform, through the town difficult and often result in an increase to our attendance times at emergency incidents. The Fire and Rescue Service has already experienced routes being impassable and drivers are often required to mount pavements in order to maintain progress. The Service is concerned that the position of some bollards, when combined with illegal parking, will make roads and corners impassable.

The Fire and Rescue Service currently has concerns about the siting of traffic calming bollards at the following positions:

1. **Corner of Grove Street and Halkett Place:-** the position of this bollard makes turning the corner into Grove Street difficult. If vehicles are illegally parked near this junction, access to Grove Street could be denied.
2. **Corner of Devonshire Place and New Street:-** the position of these bollards make it very difficult for the Aerial Ladder Platform to access New Street from Devonshire place. Consequently, this appliance is now forced to access the New Street area via Rouge Bouillon, Midvale Road and Val Plaisant, a longer route than that via Great Union Road.
3. **Near Top of Old St John's Road:-** access up this very steep hill is made more difficult for heavy appliances by the chicanes, bollards and planters installed along a considerable portion of the road.
4. **Corner of Conway Street and Bond Street:-** the position of bollards makes turning the corner into Bond Street difficult.

The Fire and Rescue Service is currently in discussion with the Parish authorities over these problem areas.