

QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2003, BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

Question

During recent months resident parking schemes have been put in place in St. Helier, and it is now illegal for non-residents to park in many of these areas without a permit. Will the President explain –

- (a) what provision has been made for the parking of vehicles which are servicing properties in the area?
- (b) what arrangements are there for visitors to park near the premises of persons living in these areas who are not in possession of a parking permit?
- (c) what arrangements are there for the collection of elderly people from their properties now that resident parking permits are required in these areas?

Answer

The trial Residents' Parking Scheme covers several streets in the Stopford Road/St Mark's Road area. The trial runs from 4th November 2002, until 4th November 2003.

- (a) On every street in the trial Residents' Parking Scheme in the Stopford Road area there are 2-hour paycard spaces where anyone may park, between 8am and 5pm Monday to Saturday. If a longer stay is essential and for a specific reason, the Connétable is empowered to issue temporary permits, which are for a fixed duration and which enable a vehicle to be parked in the Residents' spaces.
- (b) The 2-hour paycard spaces provide for visitors. In the trial zone there are 44 paycard spaces.
- (c) The parking restrictions only prohibit parking, or, as legally defined, "waiting", on-street, which means leaving the vehicle unattended. Collection and delivery of passengers, to "pick up" or "set down", is permitted in the Residents' areas, the paycard areas and even on yellow lines where there is a "prohibition of waiting", provided the stationing of the vehicle does not compromise road safety, such as by blocking visibility or obstructing the footway, or cause inconvenience to other road users.