

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2006

Question

Would the Minister inform members on the current progress of the £200,000 grant made in 2003 from the Tourism Development Fund to the Parish of St. Helier in respect of a 'Town Cycle Network' and state how the funding is being managed, how it has been spent to date and how the remaining funds will be spent?

Answer

The funds for the project were approved in September 2002 and the project is being managed by the Parish of St. Helier. However due to States arrangements for Road Orders some elements of the scheme have to be approved by the Transport and Technical Services Department.

Between September 2004 and March 2005 the Tourism Development Fund (TDF) has paid out £39,142 to the Parish of St. Helier Cycle Network Scheme for development work on Phase One of the project which included signage, bicycle stands, traffic islands and reflective bollards. With work presently being carried out on the upgrading of the signals and widening of the pedestrian crossing on Route de la Liberation to assist cyclists crossing from the waterfront and harbour area expenditure on Phase One is expected to reach £57,000.

Phase Two of the Town Cycle Network (east bound, town to Havre des Pas) was designed, drawn up, risk assessed and sent to the former Environment and Public Services Committee in February 2005. The Committee rejected the scheme in October 2005.

Earlier this year the New Minister for Transport and Technical Services was invited to attend upon the St. Helier Roads Committee to discuss concerns. The Minister expressed his concern about the methodology of marking and signing the proposed route and requested the scheme be re-visited to look at alternative methods. The project is, therefore, currently being revised and will be submitted to the St. Helier Roads Committee and the Minister for Transport and Technical Services when ready.