

## **2.4 Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley of St. Mary of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding accidents on La Rue de la Rosière/La Rue des Buttes, St. Mary:**

Given that 5 vehicles have gone over the yellow line - and it is a white line so apologies for that error - at the Bethlehem Chapel junction, B26 La Rue de la Rosière and La Rue des Buttes, and crashed into the wall opposite in the last 10 years or so, can the Minister provide details of any work undertaken by the Transport and Technical Services Department to determine the cause of these accidents?

### **Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade (The Minister for Transport and Technical Services):**

My department has carried out some work on this junction and wrote to the Connétable of St. Mary in July 2008 proposing that a small traffic island be constructed in the centre of La Rue de la Rosière which will require the junction to be widened. This widening will have the added benefit of forcing vehicles slightly to the left so that drivers will have a better sight line. This improvement will require the acquisition of a strip of land and the rebuilding of the current granite wall. The Connétable of St. Mary has been in discussion with owners of the adjacent land and recently it has been intimated that they may be willing to part with the necessary strip. It is my view that new construction in the Parish will serve to increase the traffic in the area and my department will be communicating with the Planning Department to establish whether the costs of upgrading the junction can be financed as a result of a planning gain. We may of course be investigating with the Parish other projects that may be funded in other ways. It may be better for the Deputy to call the Connétable with regard to matters such as this within the Parish as invariably the Roads Committee will have had input on the local implications.

#### **2.4.1 The Deputy of St. Mary:**

Yes, indeed, we will be talking about it shortly, but the Minister has not answered the question and I invite him to do so. He has told us what possible remediation will take place with the junction widening, taking the strip, putting an island in and so on. The question was what study has been done to ascertain the cause of the accidents? In particular the accidents where people drive over a white line straight into the wall opposite?

#### **The Connétable of St. Brelade:**

The situation is that particular junction gives rise to what we describe as overshooting accidents. La Rue des Buttes... and the department are well aware of the situation. The lists of accidents that have taken place in the last period have been set out in an answer to a written question. The department are extremely concerned about the danger of this particular junction but clearly land acquisition is not easy and the whole enlargement of the junction does rely on that, but recent developments have indicated that we may be able to progress an improvement at that junction rather sooner than we had hoped.