

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020**

Question

Further to the response to Written Question 92/2020, will the Minister advise what measures have been put in place to ensure the day-to-day personal safety of students and staff at Le Rocquier School, given that any member of the public can use the part of Eastern Cycle Network path that passes through school property during school operating hours, when students and staff are in the vicinity?

Answer

To respond directly to the question, I refer the Deputy to my previous response which sets out the measures taken and in what context when the path was constructed:

“The Le Rocquier field path was constructed in 2017 formalising an existing walking route being used by the local community through the area.

The public path was developed with Le Rocquier school as part of the Safer Routes to School programme, to encourage walking and cycling to school. Surveys undertaken at the time indicated that students were keen to take up active travel. Consultation showed there was parish and community support.

It was agreed with the (then) Education Department, as the landowner, that the path would form part of the emerging Eastern Cycle Network without any management concerns from the school. There was a joint initiative to develop signage and fencing to ensure potential safeguarding issues for the school were appropriately addressed. [Emphasis added]

While not directly associated with the public path or my ministerial work, I am advised that the CYPES Department, as part of a recent Jersey secondary schools safeguarding and security review, will be installing fencing and gates around the perimeter of the Le Rocquier School, to provide controlled and monitored access and egress to the site on all routes.