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3 Connétable P.B. Le Sueur of Trinity of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the prioritisation of safe walking and cycling routes (OQ.298/2020)

Will the Minister agree to prioritise the creation of safe walking and cycling routes to schools, to ensure that the benefits arising from the reduction in traffic congestion and car use may be realised?

Deputy K.C. Lewis (The Minister for Infrastructure):

Indeed, my department has a longstanding safer route to school programme through which it prioritises its work to improve cycling and walking. In recent years work has been undertaken to support Grouville, St. Luke, St. Mary, St. Lawrence, Bel Royal, St. Clement, Janvrin Nursery, Granville, Les Quennevais, Le Roquier, Hautlieu, Victoria College, Beaulieu, De la Salle, Haute Vallee and La Moye. Further works are planned for La Moye, Mont Nicolle, Les Quennevais and the St. Saviour School cluster in the near future. The Sustainable Transport Strong Start continues to build on this.

4.3.1 The Connétable of Trinity:

I thank the Minister for his answer, however would he still not agree with me that when a Parish Roads Committee supported by the community comes to him requesting a simple change to the local traffic order that such proposals should be actively supported and not frustrated? I refer in particular to changes that would deliver much needed safer walking and cycling routes for our children getting to and from schools on Parish roads, changes that meet the aims of Cycle for Jersey and the Sustainable Transport Policy by reducing dependency on the motor car, traffic congestion, carbon emissions around our schools and increase our children's opportunity for physical activity.

Deputy K.C. Lewis:

We do prioritise this. The concept scheme for Trinity walkable village, including school route improvements, development work is underway but we are looking for resources for that. An active travel strategy is going to be developed next year which will focus on creating safe walking, cycling, and bus routes for schools. That is all schools. Thank you.