

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY SENATOR S.Y. MÉZEC
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister advise what work has been undertaken to act on Parts (c) to (e) of [P.79/2020](#); and will he provide a timeline for enabling the ability to ‘designate lanes’ as the proposition allowed?

Answer

- (c) The Parishes are the responsible authorities for by-roads and accordingly the Comité des Connétables have been deliberating this matter as charged by the Proposition.

Consequently, the Minister was invited to the Comité des Connétables meeting of 12th April, 2021 to understand the work undertaken to date.

Following on from this, the Comité has now asked the Minister to consider how legislation might be brought forward, to achieve the objectives of the proposition within the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, such that.

*“(a) that **priority** should be given in law to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in designated roads in the Parishes and that vehicular traffic should only be allowed in such designated roads for **essential travel**;”* [emphasis added]

This review work has now been commenced, but as the work is still at a scoping stage and the legislative tasks are still being defined no timeline is yet available.

The Proposition was brought forward without any reference to my Department’s capacity or resources other than it would “require normal officer time”. My Comments did not agree with this and naturally the tasks flowing from the Proposition are having to be programmed in with other government priority work. Thus, bringing forward legislation for consideration by the Assembly by the first quarter 2021 was not, and is not, considered practicable.

- (d) This work stream would follow from part c
- (e) While synergies will likely exist with the developing Sustainable Transport Strong Start Active Travel Plan, any request for involvement by the Minister for infrastructure, beyond any necessary updates to the Highway Code and publicity surrounding amendments to legislation, would be a matter for the Comité des Connétables to consider as the competent authorities.