

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister state whether the trial to make St. John’s Road one way to northbound traffic will still go ahead and, if so, when; and will he explain why the trial was delayed from taking place in 2023?”

Answer

The timing of this question has crossed over with the recent public statements on this topic of the 2nd April 2024, which confirmed that the trial will be going ahead, but southbound rather than northbound.

In answer to the second part of the question, on the 30th November 2023, a statement was made by the previous Minister, Deputy Binet, that explained:

“The St John’s Road three-month one-way trial, which was due to start on Monday, has been postponed until the new year.

This is due to unforeseen supply and labour issues, meaning the raised tables would not be in place in time for the trial. Additionally, following Storm Ciaran, resources are currently diverted to prioritise the clean-up operation and other urgent work.

The Infrastructure and Environment project is in conjunction with the Parish of St Helier, who will work together to agree a new date for the trial...”

Then, on the 21st February 2024, Constable Jehan as the new Minister advised:

“Following public feedback, the new Minister for Infrastructure, Constable Andy Jehan, has asked transport officers to consider a different approach to the proposed one-way scheme on the lower part of St John’s Road.

The initial plan was to trial the narrow lower section one-way in a northbound direction, away from Cheapside.

Recognising community concerns, the Minister for Infrastructure has asked the transport team to review the options, including southbound, and to model potential impacts. This will be done using the most up-to-date traffic information.

It is hoped any new proposal for trialling will be prepared in time for the summer.”

Finally, on 2nd April 2024, it was announced:

“Following public feedback, the new Minister for Infrastructure, Constable Andy Jehan, recently asked transport officers to consider a different approach to the proposed one-way scheme on the lower part of St John’s Road in St Helier.

The initial plan had originally been to trial the narrow lower section one-way in a northbound direction, away from Cheapside. Recognising community concerns, Constable Jehan asked the transport team to review the alternative options and to model potential impacts.

The Minister has now considered the review and decided to proceed with a trial of southbound only traffic on the narrow lower section between the Parade Road junction and Cheapside. The intention is to introduce the traffic management during the summer half term. More details of the exact arrangements will be released nearer the time.”