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**3.12 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the three pedestrian crossing proposed on Rue de L’Etau (OQ.175/2024):**

Yes, I understand the Assistant Minister is taking this question, and a very humble question, thank you, after all of what has just gone by. Will the Minister provide an update on the 3 pedestrian crossings proposed on Rue de L’Etau, including the timeframe for approval and installation?

**Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier (Assistant Minister for Infrastructure - *rapporteur*):**

Rue de L’Etau is a Parish road but the Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) (Jersey) Order 1982 requires that all pedestrian crossings, whether on Parish roads or States-administered roads, are approved by the Minister for Infrastructure to ensure that crossings are constructed to the correct standards and have been thoroughly assessed through best practice safety assurance processes. The crossings on Rue de L’Etau have been proposed by the Parish of St. Helier’s Roads Committee. They have been technically assessed by road safety engineers and the Minister will be signing the Ministerial Decision for their approval this week. The timeframe for their construction will be a matter for the Parish as the responsible by-roads authority.

**3.12.1 Deputy D.J. Warr:**

I thank the Minister for that answer. The underpass in the area was reopened in February this year, which has helped to alleviate the traffic levels on Rue de L’Etau. Why has it taken so long for the approval of the road crossings? How can future requests made by the Castle Quay Residents Association be more quickly expedited?

**The Connétable of St. Helier:**

I do not think that the timetable for this is unduly long. The Parish initially consulted with the department in December 2022. Officers from the Infrastructure Department undertook an initial site visit the following month, in January 2023, where a number of technical issues were raised. Parish officers went back to their designers and subsequent revisions were made and the application went to the department on 13th August this year, so the timetable has been quite fast in terms of the department.