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7 Deputy R.J. Ward of the Chair of the Comité des Connétables regarding the progress of P.79/2020 as amended by the Assembly (OQ.131/2022)

Will the Chair advise what progress the comité has made in implementing Green Lanes and Quiet Lanes: Priority to Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders (P.79/2020) following the unanimous adoption of the amended proposition in 2020 by this Assembly?"

The Connétable of St. Brelade (Chair, Comité des Connétables):

I thank the Deputy for his question and the patience in not having pushed this further. I think he must feel he has been referred to the department of circumlocution, listening to the previous speaker, because we seem to have gotten nowhere. Notwithstanding that, I can say from the comité point of view, we are keen to progress this but it has to be in a practical manner that is policeable. One of the problems we have had is in discussion with others is establishing what a watertight definition of essential travel might be. It is not straightforward. A lot of these lanes we mention may have few properties on and they are very simple to deal with, others might have hundreds on them, and that is a different story. I can assure the Deputy that the comité are pleased to progress this. I have got a timeline which I am happy to let him have but it is probably not appropriate to take the States time up with this at this point.

4.7.1 Deputy R.J. Ward:

Thank you for that wonderful word in the first answer, it does feel a little bit like that. Can I ask the chair of the comité whether perhaps they will have discussions with organisations like the Dutch Cycling Academy who really could give excellent advice on simple ways to designate even a beginning point of a few lanes to really make some difference so that we do not have to invest millions of pounds in infrastructure that quite frankly we already have. I would ask the chair whether he would take on board that and perhaps take that as one of the things that might be a driver behind these changes.

The Connétable of St. Brelade:

Yes, indeed we would.