

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the progress made, if any, in discussions with local residents in and around Sion in relation to reducing speed limits, introducing traffic-calming measures and safer crossing points on La Grande Route de St. Jean, which runs through the built up area of Sion?

Answer

Since May, officers from Growth Housing and Environment have been in discussion with local residents who are part of a local group representing the community of Sion. As the Deputy will be aware, the community spans residents in three different Parishes, so officers have also been in contact with all elected representatives of the area rather than dealing with one Parish in particular.

In July, a Transport Planner wrote to all elected representatives outlining the challenges faced in trying to introduce traffic calming or crossing points, but recommending that a 20mph speed limit is considered as the first step in making improvements and making the offer to parishes to start the process. This has been discussed by the Trinity Roads Committee who have confirmed their support. Officers have very recently attended a Roads Committee in St John where it was agreed that a further roundtable meeting should be arranged with stakeholders from all parishes as well as the residents of Sion. Discussions have not taken place with the Roads Committee of St Helier, as none of the roads in question fall within their boundary.

A wider improvement scheme has been entered into the Department's prioritisation for future funding and staff resource allocations. Additionally, there may be opportunity to implement some very minor improvements and a 20mph speed restriction alongside the next phase of the Speed Limit Review if agreement can be reached. Whilst ordinarily I would not consider implementing changes outside the parish speed limit review process, the way this community crosses the boundaries makes it appropriate to treat as a separate matter.