

STATES OF JERSEY



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE LA MOYE SCHOOL: PETITION

Lodged au Greffe on 6th March 2018
by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Minister for Infrastructure to take the steps necessary to ensure that a pedestrian crossing is installed outside the entrance to La Moye School before 1st September 2018.

DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE

REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs. Tucker for showing an interest in road safety issues around the La Moye area and for taking the time to collect signatures for this petition, which is presented on behalf of the residents and users of the amenities of the area.

Following initial contact from Mrs. Tucker, I wrote to the Department for Infrastructure (“DfI”) and spoke to (one of) their Transport Planner(s). He confirmed that following a request from a constituent, the Road Safety Requests Panel had recently discussed the provision of a zebra crossing at La Moye School. At this stage they agreed that, in principle, it is a good idea.

Mrs. Tucker feels that a crossing is urgently needed and that it would make sense to have the amenity installed in time for the new school year, in September.

The area is a busy one, not only with pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from La Moye Primary School, but throughout the day, with people crossing to and from the shop, the country park, the railway walk and the golf course.

Whilst there is currently a ‘traffic guard’ (or what was commonly called a ‘lollypop man’, in my day), he is obviously not there all day, and there is a suggestion he may be approaching retirement.

It is hoped that in addition to providing a safe place in which to cross, the crossing may also serve as a traffic-calming measure along a stretch of road which has experienced increasing traffic flows, sometimes with excess speed.

I fully understand that DfI and the Roads Safety Requests Panel organise their budget and workload in such a way that such amenities are usually allocated a year in advance. I would, nonetheless, ask the Department, on behalf of Mrs. Tucker and the signatories of the petition, to consider prioritising the crossing for completion by September 2018.

Financial and manpower implications

The Department has given me a ball-park figure of between £20,000 and £50,000 for the completion of a zebra crossing.

They note that cost is dependent upon “*a whole range of issues such as drainage, materials, availability of electricity, whether there are already suitable dropped kerbs, whether the road surface is suitable to accept the anti-skid surfacing on the approaches.*”

It is my hope and expectation that the figure would be in the lower region, due to the fact that it is already outside a school with an established crossing area, but, of course, the final cost will be dependent on the factors above.

PETITION		
TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY		
Name of person(s) or body responsible for this petition –		
Garel Tucker and the residents of La Moye and users of the amenities in the area		
These are the reasons for this petition –		
Traffic flows along Route Orange are on the increase, as the area is becoming more busy, in general. Speeding is also an issue along the road. The current use of a crossing guard at La Moye School is only a temporary and partial remedy. A pedestrian crossing would ensure a long-term solution for all users of the area, year round. It would also have the effect of acting as a traffic-calming measure. The Road Safety Panel have approved a crossing in principle, but it will not be up for discussion until the autumn of this year for implementation in a future year.		
We, the undersigned, petition the States of Jersey as follows –		
To request the Minister for Infrastructure to ensure that a zebra crossing is installed outside of the entrance to La Moye School, St. Brelade, before (01/09/2018), to improve the safety of pedestrians in this area.		
Full name (please print)	Full postal address	Signature

157 signatures