

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise what consideration was given to student and staff safety at Le Rocquier School when the decision was taken to allow a public cycle path (part of the Eastern Cycle Network) to be constructed through school property alongside the school field?

Answer

The Le Rocquier field path was constructed in 2017 formalising an existing walking route being used by the local community through the area.

The public path was developed with Le Rocquier school as part of the Safer Routes to School programme, to encourage walking and cycling to school. Surveys undertaken at the time indicated that students were keen to take up active travel. Consultation showed there was parish and community support.

It was agreed with the (then) Education Department, as the landowner, that the path would form part of the emerging Eastern Cycle Network without any management concerns from the school. There was a joint initiative to develop signage and fencing to ensure potential safeguarding issues for the school were appropriately addressed.

The path creates an improved routes between the Le Squez and Samares Nurseries housing estates, creating a safer route for students and staff, in particular to connect with the school and St Helier.