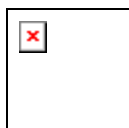


**ST. HELIER RING ROAD: DEFERMENT OF WORKS**

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## **PROPOSITION**

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -**

to request the Planning and Environment Committee, the Public Services Committee and any other agency of the States involved in carrying out alterations to the traffic flow or control within the St. Helier ring road to defer any further such works until a comprehensive overall plan has been submitted to the States for approval.

DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT

## **Report**

The recent chaos caused by the alterations to traffic flow in Union Street and adjacent roads has demonstrated the folly of carrying out piecemeal, unco-ordinated changes.

The changes have reduced safety for pedestrians wanting to cross by Cyril Le Marquand House, as two recent accidents have already proved.

If the benefit of this particular change will not be realised until traffic can access New Street, then would it not have been better to wait until the whole scheme could have been implemented in one operation?

The alterations at La Motte Street/St. Saviour road junction have been of dubious benefit to pedestrian or motorist.

The proposals for the Mont Millais junction were unacceptable to the public, and consultation was only entered into after political pressure was applied.

There is rumour that Broad Street may be closed to traffic.

These uncertainties, together with the lack of consultation that has taken place (two major businesses affected by the Union Street changes have contacted me to state they were never consulted) is a recipe for chaos.

Businesses are being adversely affected, traffic is being unnecessarily delayed, causing increased costs and pollution with no detectable benefit to anyone.

If it is the case that there is a plan to drive vehicles out of St. Helier by a continuing process of frustration, then in my view that should be a States decision, not one taken by a Committee or Sub-Committee, because the ramifications are far-reaching.

This proposition has no implications for the financial or manpower resources of the States.