

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY  
THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2008**

**Question**

Would the Minister state -

1. when the Parish of St Helier first supplied the Transport and Technical Services department with the final version of the feasibility study for the Cheapside Residents' Parking Zone (RPZ)?
2. when he indicated his willingness to take forward a revised scheme, omitting the provision of parking spaces in Elizabeth Place?
3. given that the Parish Assembly approved the projet to implement the Cheapside RPZ on 25th September 2007, would the Minister advise members whether any progress has been made to date, and if not, why?

**Answer**

1. The final version of the feasibility study for the Cheapside RPZ was received on 31st March 2006 by which time the Parish had been informed that the department's priority was drafting the Integrated Travel and Transport Plan and that the RPZ should not be considered until this had been completed.
2. I am not aware of ever indicating a willingness to approve the project to date, as I have always harboured a number of concerns and reservations. At the lower end of the scale, I have been anxious not to be seen to be biased toward my own constituency of St Helier No.3, of which the Cheapside area forms a part. There is also the question of the ongoing review of parking in St Helier as a whole, which is not yet concluded, as well as the entire issue of loss of provision and possibly revenue to the public of the Island for each public parking space that is handed over to St Helier residents, who pay their RPZ fees to the Parish of St Helier. However, in the light of the continuing setbacks to the finalisation of the ITTP, I undertook to take forward the revised scheme which omitted parking on the ring road (which the department had indicated was not acceptable) in November 2006. This was subject to a resolution as to who would pay for the policing of these zones. An agreed formula had been reached in respect of the first RPZ (Stopford Road) and it was anticipated that this formula would be utilised for all other RPZs. Unfortunately, the Constable of St Helier objected to paying the Car Park Trading Fund for policing what is, exclusively, a Parish zone. I held a meeting with the Constable in October 2007 at which he agreed, subject to discussions with his officers, for the Parish to take over the policing. Disappointingly, the matter remains unresolved.
3. Since September 2007, a definitive law drafting brief (as required by both the department and the law officers) has been finalised and forwarded to the Law Draftsman's Office.