

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY J.M.MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011**

Question

Would the Minister explain what specific legislative barriers exist, if any, which have prevented the establishment of a pelican crossing on Longueville Road next to Miladi Farm Parade?

Answer

There are no specific legislative barriers to providing a pelican type crossing on Longueville Road next to Miladi Parade. Under article 69 of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, the Minister for Transport and Technical Services may, after consultation with the Connétable of the Parish in which the road is situated, establish on any road such crossings for pedestrians as the Minister considers necessary.

However, I am advised by my officers that this location is not a suitable location in which to establish a pelican or zebra type crossing. Neither of these two types of crossings are a guarantee of pedestrian safety. Studies into pedestrian injury accidents that have occurred at such crossings both on the island and in the UK, indicate that a location such as Longueville Road, outside Miladi Parade, has a very high likelihood of pedestrian injury accidents occurring. The reasons for this are:

- The close proximity of a number of vehicular accesses, including that to Miladi Parade itself, resulting in a high likelihood of red light running from drivers exiting these accesses and failing to take account of the crossing and crossing pedestrians.
- The low level of future usage of a crossing at this location, especially for the majority of the day and evening outside peak traffic and pedestrian hours, again leading to red light running with consequent danger to pedestrians.

The Department has therefore advised me that the best option for providing a pedestrian facility at this location is a pedestrian refuge Island. Regrettably, negotiations with a nearby Landlord to acquire the necessary 400mm wide strip of land to widen the road sufficiently to provide an Island, have not been successful.