

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Question

Further to the Minister's response to question 1(533) asked on 10th October 2017 regarding traffic safety around the Millennium Town Park which stated that "all decisions and implementation work on these roads were undertaken by the Parish" (St. Helier), can the Minister clarify –

- (a) whether the Parsons Brinkerhoff safety report was commissioned by the then Transport and Technical Services Department (TTS) and, if so, whether the report recommended the installation of rising bollards to restrict access to Tunnell Street;
- (b) whether TTS agreed to consider the "installation of automatic rising bollards in Gas Place which could be used to restrict traffic for events or to allow through traffic to be further restricted" following representations at a Roads Committee meeting on 9th February 2011.
- (c) the cost of the bollards that the St. Helier Director of Technical Services said had been "removed by TTS due to the cost" at a Roads Committee meeting on 18th December 2013;
- (d) whether £500,000 of additional contingency from the Town Park project was returned by the Minister to the TTS and Housing rolling votes as per Ministerial Decision 0099/2012 as the project was "complete and did not encounter any significant issues"?

Answer

- a) In 2011 TTS commissioned TMS (via Parsons Brinkerhoff) to undertake a Safety Review as part of the Town Park Development, the report considered layout options for rising bollards but did not make any recommendations.

We would add that the TTS design development presented the concept of rising bollards and no access to through traffic.

The Parish as the responsible roads Authority consulted with residents on these options in October 2010, but ultimately did not chose to install any device, such as a rising bollard or introduce any other measures to restrict access to through traffic.

It should be noted that the report is only limited to the layout and design that was current at the time (April 2011) and not the subsequent iterations implemented by the Parish in 2015 following its development of 32 Belmont Road to Create access for bicycles and pedestrians from Belmont Road to Millennium Town Park.

- b) Part of the bullet point extracted from the 9 February 2011 minute is missing from the question. For the sake of completeness the part of the Minutes of the Parish Roads Committee meeting on 9th February 2011 to which the Deputy refers show that "*....Following representations TTS agreed to consider:-*

...

- *installation of automatic rising bollards in Gas Place which could be used to restrict traffic for events or to allow through traffic to be further restricted should the Committee wish to revisit its earlier decision"*

The minutes are those of the Parish Roads Committee, the context of which was the Committee revisiting their own decision. TTS did consider and discuss this request with the Parish, however through traffic was initially maintained along Gas Place and therefore a rising bollard was not required.

Because of this practical constraint, it would appear that the Parish Roads Committee did not consider it necessary revisit their earlier decision.

- c) In the minutes of the Parish Roads Committee meeting 18 December 2013 it states

“[the St. Helier Director of Technical Services] said that it was still the intention to designate the road access only at the start of the Park but plans for the bollards had been removed by TTS due to the cost”.

The minutes are those of the Parish Roads Committee. It is clear from the minutes, that TTS representatives were not present at the meeting and so we cannot clarify as to what the St Helier Director of Technical Services was referring to.

We note from reading the Minute that this meeting was held after the completion of the Tunnell St paving works by the Parish and was in the context of proposed further modification to the footpaths to the eastern end of Tunnell St, outside of Ruellan’s Garage as part of a refurbishment and footpath widening project, two years after the park had opened.

The meeting was also shortly after the acquisition by the Parish of 32 Belmont Road, which is now the site of La Raccourche.

It may also assist the Deputy that planning permission to develop 32 Belmont Road to “Create access for bicycles and pedestrians from Belmont Road to Millennium Town Park” was granted to the Parish on 4 September 2014. The Parish adopted La Raccourche as a by road on 21 September 2015.

We would add with regards to the historic funding of traffic management measures in Tunnell St, TTS had previously informed the Parish that funding traffic management measures in Tunnell Street was a matter for the Parish, as the responsible Authority.

The assistance that TTS were able to provide the Parish for Robin Place and Tunnell Street in the context of the Town Park was the provision of a stock of granite paving.

This was set-out correspondence of 27th September 2011, between the Director - Engineering and Infrastructure, Transport & Technical Services and the Connétable. In response, the St. Helier Assistant Director of Technical Services informed the Director - Engineering and Infrastructure, Transport & Technical Services that the Connétable and Procureurs would consider taking the matter of rising bollards to an Assembly for funding (See Appendix 1).

Again, it is recorded on Friday 27 January, 2012, in the Parish Roads Committee Minutes:

*“TTS presented various facts to the Committee...
the Council of Ministers had agreed funding for the creation of the Park, but the responsibility for the roads rested with the Parish and not TTS”*

- d) We refer you to the Ministerial decision of 14 December 2012 which explains the repayment of carry over funding retained as an emergency contingency which was not required to fund exceptional events

<https://www.gov.je/Government/PlanningPerformance/Pages/MinisterialDecisions.aspx?docid=F BBD917D-75CB-4FB4-A4A1-717E017EB2F9>

APPENDIX 1

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [POSH Assistant Director T & E Services]
Sent: 04 October 2011 09:40
To: [REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]
Cc: [REDACTED] [TTS Principle Engineer]
Subject: RE: Funding of the road improvements surrounding the new Town Park

[REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]

I have attended the management meeting this morning when the matters in your email of 27 Sept. were discussed and I have been asked to respond.

It was agreed that the parish will take on responsibility for the laying of the new material in Robin place and Tunnel Street. Please advise how you see this working programme wise, I will try to juggle our current work schedule accordingly?

With regard to the street lighting can you please provide me with details including costs following which I will have to see whether our current street lighting budget can carry this. Please advise if there are any other material costs which the parish must allow for.

The board were not supportive of paying for the rising bollard in Robin Place as they saw this as an integral part of the park project and this has not been budgeted for. Is this still around 40k? If you are insistent that the parish should fund this the constable and procureurs advise that they will have to take the matter to Parish Assembly for approval.

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]
Sent: Mon 03/10/2011 08:22
To: Simon Crowcroft
Cc: [REDACTED] [TTS Principle Engineer]
Subject: RE: Funding of the road improvements surrounding the new Town Park

Morning Simon,

can we have a response before the close of play on Thursday please as we need to instruct this work by no later than this Friday

: [REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Crowcroft [mailto:Simon.Crowcroft@posh.gov.je]
Sent: 28 September 2011 07:29
To: [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]; Michael Jackson; [TTS Chief Officer]
Cc: [TTS Principle Engineer and POSH Officer]
Subject: RE: Funding of the road improvements surrounding the new Town Park

Thanks [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]

I will put this to the procureurs and the rest of my team at the earliest opportunity.

rgds

Simon

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]
Sent: Tue 27/09/2011 15:32
To: Simon Crowcroft; Michael Jackson; [TTS Chief Officer]
Cc: [REDACTED] [TTS Principle Engineer]
Subject: Funding of the road improvements surrounding the new Town Park

Hi Simon,

Thanks for talking to me from your holiday last Friday regarding the funding of the road improvements around the new Town Park. Further to our discussion, I

met with our Minister, Assistant Minister and [REDACTED] [TTS Chief Officer] and all were happy with the solution we discussed.

As requested, I have listed out the details of what we agreed so there is no ambiguity

The TTS capital budget for the Town Park will fund the following elements

- * Full park remediation
- * Full park construction
- * Road improvements to Bath Street including street lighting and a new pedestrian crossing
- * All road improvements including cycle track, street lighting and rising bollard in Gas Place and Oxford Road up to the junction with L'Avenue et Dolmen du Pres du Luminiere
- * Provision of granite materials only for Robin Place and Tunnel Street

The Parish will fund all the remaining works in Robin Place and tunnel Street to include the laying of the granite, the street lighting and the rising bollard. We will arrange the transfer of the granite materials to your Parish yard in due course and provide copies of material suppliers, specifications and detailed drawings in due course

Trust this confirms our discussions and I would appreciate your confirmation of the above

: [REDACTED] [TTS Director of Infrastructure and Engineering]

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