

22.12.12

6 Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the progress re the adoption of P.79/2020 (OQ.127/2022)

Will the Minister outline what progress, if any, he has made in fulfilling green lanes and quiet lanes: priority to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders (P.79/2020), adopted (as amended) by the Assembly on 15th July 2020?

Deputy T. Binet (The Minister for Infrastructure):

Officers have brought forward legislative proposals to support the Comité des Connétables in their endeavours to progress P.79/2020. Officers from the operations and transport directive have met with a subcommittee of the comité to present and discuss the details. I am awaiting the conclusion of the comité's deliberations before acting further.

4.6.1 Deputy R.S. Kovacs:

Just from the infrastructure point of view, what progress is in plan for the next 6 months once the response is received?

Deputy T. Binet:

As I say, it is very difficult for me to make any further plans until I have heard back from the comité because I am sure the Deputy realises that minor roads and the lanes referred to are under the control of the Parishes and not the Infrastructure Department.

4.6.2 Deputy R.J. Ward:

Is the Minister aware that the proposition itself was to designate any lane, be it Parish or government or whatever department runs it, if he is aware of that situation?

Deputy T. Binet:

Apologies, but if I could ask the Deputy to clarify. I did not quite understand what the question related to.

[14:30]

Deputy R.J. Ward:

Basically, the designated lane can be any lane on the Island, as suggested in the proposition, so it does not have to just be a Parish lane. It can be under the Minister's remit - I believe that is the right word - and I just wondered whether the Minister was aware of that given his answer to the last question?

Deputy T. Binet:

Not specifically, I have to confess. But I would have thought that given the intention for quiet lanes to be quiet lanes that it would be very unlikely to refer to very many roads under the control of the Infrastructure Department.

4.6.3 Deputy R.J. Ward:

The proposition was about designated lanes. Could I ask the Minister to perhaps have a look at the proposition again because it was a very specific thing that it mentioned?

Deputy T. Binet:

Certainly, happy to do that.