

# Comité des Connétables



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Dear Deputy Jeune

## **The Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - P.31/2025 - Draft Highways Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 requesting comments from the Comité des Connétables on the proposed Draft Highways Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.31/2025). Thank you for allowing a late response as this enabled us to discuss the matter at the Comité des Connétables meeting this week and it was agreed to provide you with the following response.

In terms of the consultation with Government, the Comité received a briefing in May 2024 on the project and was informed that the aim was to make legislative changes to the Highways (Jersey) Law 1956. The proposal would be to exempt the need to apply for and obtain a permit in order to be able to place advertising materials in relation to candidates in an election or in relation to a referendum, subject to all advertising materials complying with a set of guidelines that would be approved and published by the Minister for Infrastructure. The draft Regulations provide for this but do not set out the proposed guidelines – the report explains these will be contained in a subsequent Order. The draft guidelines outlined to the Comité last year would be similar to those issued for previous elections and would restrict access on roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, central reservations, signalised junction and critical infrastructure. The I&E and Roads Committees will need to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

The Comité noted that the guidelines would apply to all elections under the Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, including those for Procureur du Bien Public and for Centenier, and we also made a number of comments including that the guidelines –

- must be specific (rather than provide discretion) and have enforcement powers, e.g. to remove advertising, and penalties for contravention;
- should be issued to all candidates with nomination papers;
- should take into account that, in some constituencies, candidates for Deputy cover several parishes; and

- should extend to those advertising against a candidate (as had been seen in the 2022 elections).

The draft Regulations, if approved, will therefore exempt election advertising from requiring approval of the highway authority (the Roads Committees in relation to by-roads). However, advertising that doesn't accord with the guidelines which will be set out in the Order will be subject to removal and constitute an offence under Article 5 of the Highways Law. This would seem to address the enforcement powers of the Roads Committees and to provide for the recovery of costs.

The Comité also understands that separate provisions exist in relation to banners (under the Planning and Building (Display of Advertisements) (Jersey) Order 2006) and the proposed Regulations relate specifically to election advertising on the highway.

We trust the above response to be satisfactory to your requirements but if you require any further information or wish to discuss the above matter in further detail, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Michael Jackson  
**Chairman, Comité des Connétables**