

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th 2026**

Question

“Is the Minister aware of any calls from local residents and businesses to install additional pedestrian crossings on Route de la Baie, St. Brelade’s Bay, and will he advise whether it is his assessment that such crossings are needed to improve road safety for users of the Bay and, if so, what steps he is taking to deliver them and within what timeframe?”

Answer

There have been requests from residents, businesses, and Parish representatives for additional pedestrian crossings on La Route de la Baie, St. Brelade's Bay.

The Department has investigated these requests through a combination of site assessments, speed surveys, collision analysis, and wider route review work. That work identified clear pedestrian desire lines between the public car parks, hotels, the parish church, visitor attractions, promenade and beach, and recognised opportunities to improve pedestrian connectivity and the overall pedestrian environment within the bay.

The evidence gathered has not identified speeding as a predominant issue within the Bay, with traffic surveys recording generally good compliance with the 20-mph speed limit. Similarly, the collision information reviewed did not indicate a notable road-safety problem, and assessments undertaken in relation to Midbay recorded no pedestrian injury collisions within the relevant five-year period then available, which is the standard review process.

The Department's assessment is therefore that the principal issue is not vehicle speed, but the difficulty pedestrians can experience moving between key destinations within the Bay, particularly where footway provision is absent or crossing opportunities are limited. While there is merit in improving pedestrian access, the Department has concluded that it would not be appropriate to consider individual crossing requests in isolation.

At a number of locations, including those most frequently suggested by residents, the provision of a conventional pedestrian crossing is constrained by factors such as limited footway or waiting space, restricted visibility, private accesses, nearby bus stop infrastructure, and the operational requirements of adjoining premises. Officers have therefore concluded that some crossings would be difficult to deliver as standalone measures without more substantial alterations to the highway environment.

As a result, the Department has developed a broader package of potential improvements for St. Brelade's Bay which form a bay-wide improvement strategy rather than a series of isolated interventions. The proposals remain at feasibility stage. Before any scheme could proceed, further design development, stakeholder engagement, consultation, landowner cooperation where required, and the identification of a funding source would be necessary. Any scheme would also need to be prioritised alongside other Island-wide road-safety and active-travel programmes, including the Safe Routes to School programme.

It should also be noted that opportunities to incorporate such improvements within the planned reconstruction of Route de la Baie and associated roads in 2031 will continue to be considered as that programme is developed.