

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 31st MARCH 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister provide an update on plans to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the Railway Walk crossing at La Rue de la Sergente, and advise what schemes, if any, he is considering to improve –

- (a) the safety of pedestrians on the road heading to, and coming from, the west; and
- (b) the crossing for pedestrians and cyclists;

and will he advise the timetable for, and any barriers to, the implementation of these improvements?”

Answer

In line with the States’ Sustainable Transport Policy, the Department is committed to enhancing strategic walking and cycling routes to improve both safety and accessibility. This includes key crossing points such as the Railway Walk crossing at La Rue de la Sergente. The Department is also dedicated to creating safer routes to schools within this area and others, reinforcing the need to improve footway access along La Rue de la Sergente.

I have visited this site with officers. While an initial feasibility study has explored options for highway improvements for this location, including the potential of an upgraded crossing, progress is dependent on addressing the lack of a continuous footway on the north side of La Rue de la Sergente's western approach. This gap not only obstructs pedestrian access but also obscures the visibility lines required to install a crossing. Consequently, advancement of any wider highway improvement scheme remains on hold until this issue is resolved. To that end, the Department is pursuing necessary land purchases.

Subject to the completion of land purchase and budget availability, the Department plans to implement highway improvements in two phases over the next two years:

- Phase 1: Land purchase and construction of a new link footway on the north side of La Rue de la Sergente on the western approach.
- Phase 2: Railway Walk crossing enhancement with footway upgrade to east up to Route Orange.

The timeline for these improvements remains contingent on the successful acquisition of the necessary land and the availability of the required funding.