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Introduction

The second stakeholder event for the Future St. Helier strategic initiative was held in September 2016. It involved two identical sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, in the Old Magistrate's Court at the Town Hall.

The purpose of the event was twofold:

- firstly, to tell and show what has been going on to support the regeneration of St. Helier since the first workshop in May 2015; and
- second, to gain an insight into some of the emerging proposals.

Content

Each session sought to provide information about three aspects of work and to afford an opportunity for feedback and discussion.

- **The story so far...**

The first presentation sought to highlight provide an overview of the work that has been going on since the first workshop in 2015. Specifically it sought to highlight how the feedback and comment provided at that workshop has helped to guide and shape what has happened since. You can find the presentation here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Planning%20and%20building/R%20Future%20St%20Helier,%20The%20story%20so%20far.pdf>

- **Open space in town: what does it mean to you?**

This presentation sought to provoke discussion and to generate feedback about open space provision in town: how much have we got; what type of spaces we have; and how much do we need? This forms an early part of work to develop a strategy for open space in St. Helier

You can find the presentation here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Planning%20and%20building/ID%20Future%20St%20Helier,%20St%20Helier%27s%20spaces%20-%20the%20future.pdf>

- **St. Helier traffic management: future direction**

Work has been undertaken to evaluate a range of traffic management schemes in St. Helier aimed at delivering benefits to support better pedestrian movement through the town; to improve public transport; and to provide better facilities for cyclists. This presentation sought to provide the context and justification for this work and to present those schemes that were considered to deliver the most benefit.

These schemes are presented in their conceptual forms; with an outline of their potential benefits and impacts; potential costs; and possible timeline for implementation.

This package of measures will be the subject of wider public consultation.

You can find the report here:

<https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Planning%20and%20building/St%20Helier%20Report%20v4%20appendices%20removed.pdf>

The workshops were asked to provide their initial views about these schemes. These views are presented overleaf.

Other ways to have your say

This is a summary of the stakeholder event. If you want to add to or join the debate Future St. Helier and the changes you would like to see happen, you can do:

- **Send us an email:** drop us a line at futuresthelier@gov.je
- **Twitter:** follow the conversation at @FutureStHelier

Feedback and initial comment

1. Pedestrians

“Pedestrians in St Helier need a better deal, wider pavements, more pedestrian crossings, a better pedestrian environment should be created that was safer.”

To what extent do the proposals for traffic management in St Helier address this priority for you?

You said

Policy

- We need a better transport policy – especially for N.o.T
- Stick to the facts/evidence.

Delivery

- Schemes OK but need to address traffic demand.
- Funding and achievable time frame.
- Lack of funding to complete the connections.
- Try Saturday closures.
- Can we temporarily try more of the proposals to see if they work?
- Need to provide for alternatives.

Consultation and engagement

- Consultation should happen before agreement of any plan; ensure more active consultation.
- Better communication with other business' who are also stakeholders – such as delivery companies.
- Concern for people who will be effected by Midvale rd. proposal.
- Economic development – have we looked at the economic impact of the options?

Pedestrians

- Safety at crossings – need signage.
- We need New St. improvement – wider footways/ traffic calming.
- Concern for shared space conflicts.

Bus

- Smaller buses.

Cycle

- How do you monitor cyclists? Number plates?
- How do you tackle cyclists who go too fast?
- We need better cycle routes.

Parking

- More parking on outskirts of town.
- Need a park and ride out of town with differential charging.

2. Accessibility

“People are frustrated that St Helier was difficult to get into, particularly at congested times, at disruption to the road network or changes to traffic management”

How do you consider these proposals for traffic management in St Helier will impact on this priority for you?

You said

- Concern regarding how commercial deliveries are made.
- Deliveries should be out of hours.

- Planning not helping bad neighbour uses to relocate.

- Charges for private parking spaces?
- No, if you are going to reduce parking in town, you need to provide options for out of town.

- Should try persuade offices & schools to stagger working hours to reduce peak congestion.
- Over the age of 10 should walk to school if within a mile.
- School bus service/ wider bus service needs improvement.

- Pedestrian crossing times should be made longer in busy areas.
- Need to change perceptions for car drivers.
- Enforce a speed limit in town.
- Is there an opportunity for everyone to win? Temporary access for cars at times then pedestrians.
- We should control types of vehicles (commercial vehicle size)
- Smaller buses.

3. Public Open Space

“Better public open space and green space could also take the form of routes and corridors and be used to provide better connectivity around St. Helier: a need was identified to better connect people to the countryside around the town; to the St. Helier waterfront, town beaches and the sea.”

To what extent do the proposals for traffic management in St Helier address these priorities?

You said

- Not very – difficult places to get to.
- Open-up spaces out of hours – i.e. Vic College.
- Connections between spaces need improvement.
- Space for pavement unloading at Millennium Town Park.
- How can we make spaces more attractive?
- Need proper urban tree design and planning.
- Roads are the place to start with better spaces
- Need access to open spaces.
- Need free wi-fi – need to meet modern expectations.