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Hill Street cycle lane pilot scheme due to begin

A year-long pilot scheme, starting from Monday 14 June will see a two-way cycle lane along Hill Street, making eastbound travel easier for cyclists.

The scheme involves creating a cycle lane between Halkett Place and La Motte Street using road signage, bollards and white lines. The unloading bay next to Morier House will turn into a cycle lane but the unloading bay by Dunnell's will remain. Additional unloading bays will be created at Halkett Place.

This follows a consultation on the pilot scheme in December, where businesses and residents were asked to share their views.

There were 258 responses to the consultation, 63% of which were made by cyclists and pedestrians. 54% said that the scheme would encourage them to walk or cycle in Hill Street. 68% said that the scheme is a step in the right direction to encourage active travel.

The scheme will be monitored to see if further safety measures are needed, and feedback from Islanders will be regularly reviewed to see if adjustments are needed once the scheme is underway.

The pilot scheme supports the Sustainable Transport Policy which aims to encourage more walking and cycling in the Island, after a climate emergency was declared in May 2019.

Minister for Infrastructure, Deputy Kevin Lewis, said: "I'd like to thank all of those who took part in the consultation, it is important to get Islander's views. The Hill Street pilot scheme is a step in the right direction for encouraging more Islanders to travel by bicycle.

"Taking more cars off the roads, and increasing Islander's active travel in a safe, healthy and enjoyable way through cycle paths such as these is a great way to work towards our aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

"I hope more Islanders are encouraged to cycle through town and I look forward to any feedback from the public as we go along."

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Notes to Editors

1. For further information, please contact the press office on 01534 440430 or pressoffice@gov.je
2. To see the full consultation report:
gov.je/Government/Consultations/Pages/HillStreetScheme.aspx
3. To see the Sustainable Transport Policy:
<https://www.gov.je/environment/greenerlifestyles/greenertravel/pages/sustainabletransport.aspx>
4. The pilot scheme consultations ran from 23/11/20 until 20/12/2020