



29 January 2025

Request

Further to the FOI response dated 4.10.24 please provide any documentation (email, correspondence, notes or minutes) to indicate what discussions have been held in the Parish of Grouville regarding safer routes to school and what actions have been taken. Please confirm which recommendations of the focus group have been accepted, rejected and acted upon. User the law I do to need to provide a purpose but the reason I am asking this is to discover whether safer routes to school has been considered at all since 2021 and if yes, what actions have been taken.

Response

The following information is absolutely exempt:

- Minutes of Grouville Roads Committee since 2021 are available online (see 1 November 2021, 5 May 2022, 6 October 2022, 5 October 2023, 6 November 2024).
- The FOI response issued 4.10.2024 provided the agenda and supporting papers held by the Parish relating to the 'Grouville Safer Routes to School' review and considered by the Grouville Roads Committee.

All other documentation held is attached.

FOI exemption applied:

Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

The documents referenced are published on:

- the Parish website Grouville.je – see 'Minutes' – or
- the [Freedom of Information Responses | Comité des Connétables](#)



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Grouville Safer Routes to School – 17.5.2021 @ 1pm

Develop safer, active routes to school in collaboration with children, parents, community stakeholders, the Parish and Government of Jersey.

Welcome	[redacted] welcomed everyone and gave a brief background for the purpose of the meeting
Introductions	Deputy Carloyn Labey – Grouville Parish Deputy [redacted] – Safe Routes to School/ Transport Policy GoJ [redacted] – Parent [redacted] - Grouville C4J rep [redacted] – C4J rep [redacted] – Eco Lead Apologies: [redacted]
Progress so far	[redacted] outlined progress to date and shared Parent Travel Survey data collected so far General discussion about the barriers and issues surrounding safer, active routes to school Agreed that there is an appetite for change and that this is a good time to re-engage stakeholders and identify ways to encourage more families to make active journeys to school
Next steps	
[redacted] to experience a journey to school from a child's perspective (arrange with [redacted])	
[redacted] to review current systems and identify quick wins and long-term improvements and safety measures (liaise with [redacted])	
[redacted] to explore funding streams to replace bike/ scooter storage	
[redacted] to explore who is availability to support with Road Safety education	
[redacted] to investigate collision data for surrounding roads	
[redacted] to share minutes with the Parish and invite member of Roads Committee to join the working party	
[redacted] to request support for Community Police officer and Honoraries to carry out speed checks on Rue a Don and Rue des Sablons	
[redacted] to collate data from parent Travel Survey and identify next steps	

[redacted] to explore Digital Jersey contacts and engagement in project to share children's voice about Safer Travel to School
[redacted] to develop a paper/ policy (questions) to States Ministers asking them to support our Safer Travel project
[redacted] to identify and propose designated routes to school that could be used for cycling/ walking - coming from Gorey Village, St. Clements, Longueville?
[redacted] to identify and propose drop off hubs that children could walk from/ parents can park and stride
[redacted] to collect and collate pupil voice about travel to school, barriers and possible improvements

Next meeting - TBC

27 May 2021

Dear Helen,

I hear you sit on the Roads Committee for Grouville so I am sending you the minutes of our Safer Routes to School meeting for your information. We have re-started the conversation about ways we can make our children's journeys to school safer and more active and we are keen for the Road's Committee to be actively involved!

Best wishes,



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Grouville Safer Routes to School – 22.6.2021 @ 1pm

Develop safer, active routes to school in collaboration with children, parents, community stakeholders, the Parish and Government of Jersey.

Attendees:

[redacted] – Safe Routes to School/ Transport Policy Go!
[redacted] – Parent
[redacted] – C4J rep
[redacted] – Headteacher
Connétable John Le Maistre
[redacted] - Eco Active
[redacted] – Sustainable Transport Policy
[redacted] – School Police Liaison Officer
[redacted] – Environmental Grouville

Apologies: [redacted]

Updates:

[redacted] to experience a journey to school from a child's perspective (arrange with [redacted]) ✓
[redacted] to review current systems and identify quick wins and long-term improvements and safety measures [redacted] - ongoing
[redacted] to explore funding streams to replace bike/ scooter storage - ongoing
[redacted] to explore who is available to support with Road Safety education – currently under review
[redacted] to investigate collision data for surrounding roads – [redacted] shared that only a couple of incidents have been of relevance
[redacted] to share minutes with the Parish and invite member of Roads Committee to join the working party ✓
[redacted] to request support for Community Police officer and Honoraries to carry out speed checks on Rue a Don and Rue des Sablons ✓
[redacted] to collate data from parent Travel Survey and identify next steps ✓
[redacted] to explore Digital Jersey contacts and engagement in project to share children's voice about Safer Travel to School ✓

[redacted] to develop a paper/ policy (questions) to States Ministers asking them to support our Safer Travel project

[redacted] to identify and propose designated routes to school that could be used for cycling/ walking - coming from Gorey Village, St. Clements, Longueville? ✓

[redacted] to identify and propose drop off hubs that children could walk from/ parents can park and stride ✓

[redacted] to collect and collate pupil voice about travel to school, barriers and possible improvements ✓

Next Steps:

[redacted] to include regular updates in school newsletter about Safer Routes project

[redacted] to ask parents to put in requests to road safety panel – dfi@gov.je - for crossings on Rue a Don opposite playing field/ Rue des Sablons

[redacted] - Transport Dept to carry out a Road traffic audit to identify most suitable road crossings

[redacted] to gauge parental support and help with possible Walking Bus hubs (Jersey Sport able to train walk leaders - [redacted])

[redacted] to gain feedback from Island Road Safety review which is currently happening behind the scenes

Eco Club - to share Safe Routes project in the Grouville Gazette

[redacted] – to explore option of Bikeability for Y5/ other year groups using bike club volunteers after school

[redacted] - Digital Jersey – [redacted] – explore potential of using google maps/ virtual reality to digitally twin to school safer Routes project

[redacted] – gather feedback from Playing Out campaign (St Luke's safer street pilot)

[redacted] to share proposals at next Roads Committee – country lane speeds/ potential crossing

[redacted] /Eco Club - explore possible walking campaigns/ weeks for next year - Green Friday? – WOW - Walk on Wednesdays? Walk to school Week 16-20 May 2022

Next meeting – TBC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2021 13:18
To: [REDACTED]; Transport and Technical Services Department <dti@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]; Parish - Grouville - General <grouville@pog.gov.je>; DTI Transport Plan

<Transport@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and the attached photos.

The issues raised by yourself will be discussed at the next Department's Road Safety Panel Meeting which is taking place mid-October.

You will then be contacted by the panel with the outcome.

Kind regards

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Sent: 17 September 2021 14:33
To: Transport and Technical Services Department <dti@gov.je>
Cc: John Le Maistre <J.LeMaistre@gov.je>; [REDACTED]
Parish of Grouville <grouville@pog.gov.je>
Subject: FW: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School

Good afternoon,

I am re-sending the email below as the attachments were too large previously. I have re-attached the photos as a PDF.

Many thanks,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2021 10:49
To: 'dti@gov.je' <dti@gov.je>
Cc: 'John Le Maistre' <J.LeMaistre@gov.je>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School

Good morning,

I am emailing to share and raise my concerns about road safety at the beginning and end of the day for the children and families at Grouville School. As I am sure you will appreciate, it always takes a while for new families and existing families to adjust to drop off and collection routines, but the last few days have really highlighted the dangers we face - please see photos attached.

I am grateful to the Parish, Honoraries and the Police for their support, but urgent action needs to be taken to prevent a serious accident. I am aware that some of my families have already written to your department asking for road crossings to be installed, speed limits to be lowered on nearby roads and measures to be taken to make travel to school safer for children. I personally feel very conflicted - how can I fully promote walking, cycling and scootering to school if there are not enough safety measures for our families?

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I have already started the conversation with members of your team and I know that the Government is committed to Safer Travel for Schools, but we need to make this a reality for our children and families and not just a conversation.

You will see, from the photos attached, the potential dangers our families are facing. This is a busy road, with cars driving in both directions, cars exiting the junction in both directions, cars overtaking and children and families crossing. The reduced speed limit on Rue a Don has helped considerably but more action needs to be taken to reduce the risks and make it safer for everyone. You will also see the difficulties an emergency vehicle faced whilst trying to navigate the bottleneck at the junction. As an observer, it was very alarming.

I know that your Department is planning to support all schools with safer travel and I have seen the improvements you have already made to some schools e.g. La Moye that will make an incredible difference. I appreciate that you can't reach all schools at the same time, however we have asked for road crossings etc. to be installed at key places for some time now.

I do hope that once you have seen the dangers highlighted in the photos it will expediate some action and I look forward to working with yourselves to develop and promote Safer Travel for Grouville School.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2021 16:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: John Le Maistre [REDACTED] Parish of Grouville; DfI Transport Plan
Subject: RE: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School
Attachments: Grouville School Safer Routes proposals.docx

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Safer Routes to School team met earlier this week to focus on what we believe are the essential next steps for Grouville.

I have included both our Parish and DfI proposals so that you have a complete overview of our ideas, but it may be that your team has other ideas to contribute too. Please could these be shared and discussed at your next Road Safety Panel Meeting meeting?

Thank you for all your support,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2021 09:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: John Le Maistre <J.LeMaistre@gov.je>; [REDACTED] Parish of Grouville
<grouville@pog.gov.je>; DfI Transport Plan <Transport@gov.je>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you these observations.

They will be passed on to the Team,

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2021 18:12
To: [REDACTED] Transport and Technical Services Department <dti@gov.je>
Cc: John Le Maistre <J.LeMaistre@gov.je>; [REDACTED] Parish of Grouville
<grouville@pog.gov.je>; DfI Transport Plan <Transport@gov.je> [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Road Safety concerns at Grouville School

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I am the community police officer for Grouville and am currently working alongside [REDACTED] relation to the safer travel initiative. As a result I stood with [REDACTED] on RUE A DON/ RUE DES PRES junction to observe the reported safety concerns parents, teachers and parishioners have reported to me which usually happen as a result of school 'kick out'. I thought it would be useful to highlight some of my observations to you about my concerns in this area.

My main focus was on RUE A DON/ RUE DES PRES junction. The main hazards were due to cars parked on the yellow line on RUE A DON immediately to the right of the RUE DES PRES junction. The parked cars were positioned in such a way that visibility is significantly reduced for anyone exiting RUE DES PRES to turn in either direction. This means that cars on RUE DES PRES have to crawl out of that junction onto a busy main road with impaired vision of any oncoming vehicles on the main road heading towards GROUVILLE CHURCH. Cars heading towards GROUVILLE CHURCH/ GROUVILLE HILL are having to overtake the cars parked on the yellow line causing issues to oncoming traffic going towards the coop and a bottleneck situation on the road. During my time spent there I observed a few very near misses where cars going towards the coop were coming into conflict with cars overtaking parked cars and those trying to exit the RUE DES PRES junction (pictured). The most concerning moment was when an ambulance on blue lights travelling at speed nearly took out several cars due to the hazard the parked cars were causing. I did end up speaking to the owners of the parked cars and explaining the situation to them and was met with huge apologies. Just for your awareness, I am unable to issue parking tickets as this is not a power afforded to the Police. It seems that this yellow line is regularly used on a daily basis by parents and I believe that it is only a matter of time before a collision takes place which could result in injury. I believe that the road to the right of RUE DES PRES is also being misused by vehicles parking causing the same problems, therefore as a temporary measure the honorary police have put cones in this area to stop parking. The cones seem to be working and I wondered if anything more permanent could be placed in both of these areas to stop parking on this main road. Whilst I understand that parents need a place to pull up, there is provision for them to do this within the school grounds and plenty of carparks in the area that they can utilise more safely.

Another observation I made was the lack of crossing provision on RUE A DON for school children and parents on foot. I watched as some parents and children had to negotiate the extremely busy main road with prams. I am worried that a lack of crossing provision coupled with the messy traffic situation could cause an incident. I see that

just to the left of RUE DES PRES there is a natural dip in the pavement on both sides which joins onto the school footpath. I was thinking that something like a zebra crossing could be beneficial to allow youngsters and parents to cross safely without the risk of coming into conflict with traffic. Although close to the RUE DES PRES junction there is plenty of time for a motorist to observe the crossing and stop when turning left. After my meeting with [REDACTED] I bought my car into the area and could see the dipped curb perfectly.

I see from your response to [REDACTED] that the issues raised will be discussed at the next road safety panel and I am more than happy for you to share my concerns also. The overall aim is to ensure child safety but to also encourage more car sharing and people to use alternate means of travel such as bike, scooter or walking to school. Having spoken to some parents yesterday most have expressed concerns surrounding road safety and said that until things are put in place to deal with this, they would not consider alternative means of travel which is a shame.

Kind Regards

Patricia Da Silva

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2021 17:54
Subject: Safer Routes meeting - focus group

Dear all,

If I haven't spoken to you already, I hope this email finds you well and that you have had a good summer!


We are due to have our next Safer Routes meeting next week, but following on from feedback and observations with our drop off and collection systems it makes sense for us to use everybody's contributions so far and use the time to focus on prioritising our proposals for the DfI and the Parish. We will then circulate the proposals for everyone's consideration and input.

So for next week's meeting please could the following people attend: (Tuesday 28th September @ 1:30pm)

Louise Phillips
Alice Harvey
Jane Burns
John Le Maistre
Tamara De Carteret/Joel Bostable
Wendy Lange-Smith

Thank you for your understanding and I will be in touch soon,

Nichola

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Patricia Da Silva

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2021 15:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Safer Routes Proposals

Dear all,


We had a really productive meeting on Tuesday and agreed on the proposals attached to be taken to the Parish Hall and Department for Infrastructure. We are hopeful that because we have been so proactive as a group and school community our proposals will be considered and explored soon.

As [REDACTED] and Alice mentioned at our last meeting, the Government is rolling out a Safer Routes to School audit, but we are currently positioned in the third wave. They have been applying pressure for us to be moved to the second group which will hopefully start at the end of October.

I will send our proposals to the DfI and Parish Hall so that they can be considered - let's keep our fingers crossed!

Many thanks again for all your help and support with our Safer Routes project and I will keep in touch!

Nichola

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Patricia Da Silva

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2021 15:58
To: 'John Le Maistre'
Cc: [REDACTED] 'Parish of Grouville'
Subject: Safer Routes to School Proposals
Attachments: Grouville School Safer Routes proposals.docx

Dear John,

Please find our Safer Routes proposals attached. I have included both the Parish and DfI proposals so that you have an overview of our ideas. Please could these be shared and discussed at your next Roads Committee meeting. I am happy to come along and explain if that helps. Wendy will also be able to add further detail.

Thanks again for all your support,

Nichola



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 May 2023 16:26
To: DfI Transport Plan <Transport@gov.je>
Cc: A [REDACTED] Mark Labey <M.Labey@gov.je>
Subject: Grouville School Travel Plan

Good afternoon,

Please can you provide me with an update on our School Travel Plan with regard to road crossings and road markings and a proposed timeline of action. Whilst I appreciate you are working your way through each school's recommendations; we haven't received any news for some time now and my families are regularly asking me for updates and information.

Many thanks for your help,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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