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Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 2016
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.
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Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or
	manpower implications.

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Purpose of the Report

I&E – Transport are proposing to carry out a Public Realm scheme on La Motte Street, St. Helier. The project requires a lengthy construction phase with an anticipated duration from April to December 2023. This construction duration infringes on I&E - Road Works and Events 'Seasonal restricted route period Policy' (May to October inclusive).

With the support of the Road Works and Events Manager, I&E Transport are requesting an exemption from strict compliance with the seasonal restricted route period Policy. This will permit the appointed Contractor to carry out works on La Motte Street, St. Helier (Appendix A – Site location) and would aid project completion within a reasonable timeframe, potentially reducing the otherwise long-term impact of prolonged roadside works.

Background

The 'Directions for the Control and Management of Streetworks' Policy enforced by I&E – Road Works and Events ensures a Seasonal Restricted route during the summer period (Appendix B – Seasonal Restricted Period Map). The aim of the policy is to ensure that seasonal/tourist-based business and trade is not economically disadvantaged during a critical business period by the impact of road works activity on the roads.

The Policy, although generally upheld by the Road Works and Events team, requires careful consideration of the situation, location, and impact, and may require exemptions for situations which are inversely impactful. An example of an inversely impactful situation would be where road works are near a school and although infringing on the restricted route Policy, would be less impactful during the school holidays. Another example, and case in point, is when essential public realm improvement projects extend into or expand over the restricted period due to their complexity and scope. To minimise disruption, continuity of work is essential and avoiding the whole restricted period by phasing construction work into a window either side of the restricted period would be more impactful, more costly and less safe.

Stakeholders

Residents
Businesses
GoJ Customer & Local Services
GoJ Parking Control
Parish of St. Helier
Liberty Bus

Traffic Management Proposals

Phase 1 of the works which this Report relates to is La Motte Street between its junction with Hilary Street and St. Saviours Road.

The proposed works will be split into two sub-phases.

Phase 1A which will require a full road closure and will be in place between late April and June 2023. See Appendix C for Traffic Management Plans. This is to minimise the overall impact on the Summer Embargo over July, August and September.

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Phase 1B will follow on from Phase 1A and be limited to footpath and road edge works where the carriageway can remain open to through traffic, but the footways will be subject to closures and localised pedestrian diversions.

All traffic and pedestrian management will be the responsibility of an External Contractor (Phase 1A) and I&E – Highways (Phase 1B). All works would be carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice: 'Working Safely on Jersey Roads' 2020.

Access to premises and a clear route for Emergency Service vehicles will be maintained at all times.

General Information

The works will be carried out under a Road Works Permit by I&E Transport authorised by the highway authority (I&E – Road Works and Events). All works would be carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice: 'Working Safely on Jersey Roads' 2020. In order to minimise impact on tourism all stakeholders will be notified at least 6 weeks prior to works commencing. The method of traffic control will be full road closure to through traffic for the duration of Phase 1A of the project. Efforts will be made to maintain vehicle access to specific properties with designated parking arrangements where required. The method of traffic control will be lane narrowing and pedestrian diversions for the duration of Phase 1B of the project,

Restrictions & Mitigation Measures

Risk / Restriction	Impact	Mitigation	Residual Impact
Access restrictions for residents.	Med	Residents of Berkshire Court will have access to their underground car park affected by Phase 1A of the works. The Appointed Contractor will be responsible for communicating access routes to the residents via letter drop(s).	Low
General traffic movement and bus routes. (inc. Tourist Impact)	Med	There will be a basic diversion route in place for Phase 1A of the works which Bus Routes 4, 13, 21, 23 will have to adhere to. Bus Stop <i>La Motte Street</i> (2867) will also be suspended for the duration of Phase 1A. Advanced warning signage will be put up in advance of the closure to warn the general Public. During Phase 1B, road lanes will be narrowed but access maintained.	Low
School and travel routes affected.	Low	See General traffic movement and bus routes above. Stakeholders will be warned of the potential delay and recommended to take alternative routes.	Low
Economic impact on businesses.	Low	Footway access along one side of La Motte Street will be maintained at all times. Pedestrian access into businesses and premises will be maintained at all times through Phases 1A & 1B	Low

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Environmental	Low	Phase 1A improves the surface water drainage	None.	
damage		system at this location and is a positive for the		
-		scheme as a whole.		

Recommendation

The recommendation is for the first phase of the Public Realm improvement works which require a road closure to commence in April and extend into the seasonal restricted period only up until June. This then provides the required continuity of work and the completion of Phase 1 in good time to allow the traveling public to be unimpacted during most of the seasonal restricted period. The second phase of works will then follow on during the restricted period however will be limited to pedestrian control only allowing the efficient movement of traffic. More impactful works such as resurfacing are planned to commence outside of the seasonal restricted period.

Action Required

Ministerial approval for an exemption for I&E— Transport to proceed with the traffic restrictions on La Motte Street which extend into the seasonal restricted route period.

Resource Implications:

None required.

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Attached:

Appendix A - Site Location Plan

Appendix B - Seasonal Restricted Period Map

Appendix C - Traffic Management Plans

Ministerial Office Ministerial Decision Report Appendix A - Site Location Plan

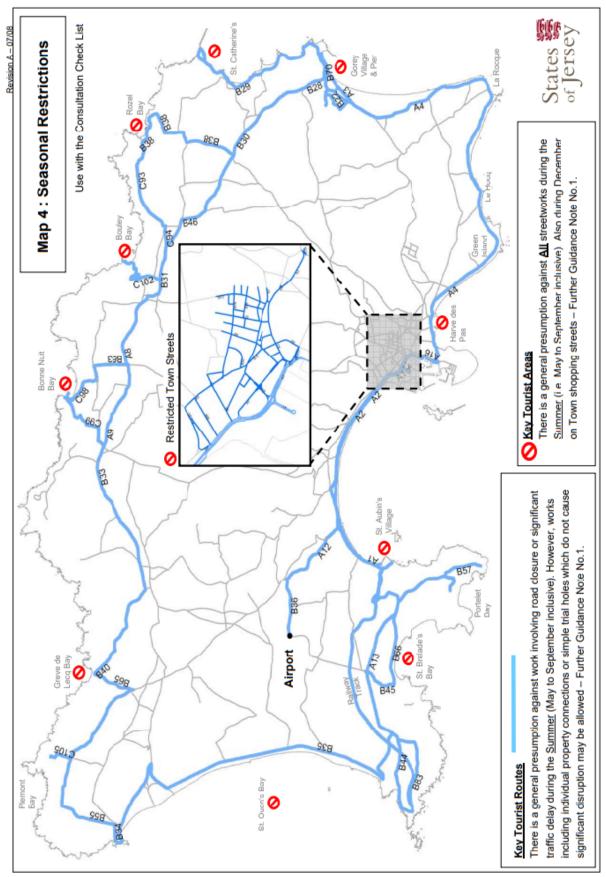




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