

PAROISSE DE ST SAUVEUR

Parish of St Saviour



ST SAVIOUR PUBLIC PARK & ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME

Proposition 12/25

by the Connétable of the Parish of St Saviour

Parish Assembly

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INTRODUCTION

The Parish of St Saviour is implementing a Parish Park and Active Travel Improvement Scheme to redevelop fields S514 and S515, located behind the Parish Hall, into an inclusive environment for all community members. The initiative aims to strengthen connections between the Parish Hall, the Church, and St Saviour's Primary School, while providing safe, accessible walking routes and upgraded recreational facilities.

The proposed facilities encompass a children's play park, café, green space with a nature trail, improved junctions, additional parking, and a new footpath. The development shall be executed in a single phase, contingent upon planning approval, with measures implemented to minimise disruption and ensure prudent management of funding.

PROPOSITION

AN ASSEMBLY of the Principals and Electors of the Parish of St. Saviour will be held at the Parish Hall, St. Saviour on 2nd December 2025 at 6:30pm for the following business: -

1. To receive and, if deemed advisable, to approve the minutes of the Parish Assembly held on 20th October 2025
2. To consider, and if deemed advisable, to approve the following proposition:

To authorise expenditure of up to £3.1 million from the Maisons Connétable Ozouf Fund (MCO) for the creation of a new public park, including parking provision and essential access and road improvements.
3. To request the Connétable to investigate potential sites for additional community facilities not included within the current plans.

BACKGROUND

Site and planning context

Fields S514 and S515 are situated north of the Parish Hall and south of Birches Avenue. They currently serve as open fields, and their envisaged development is part of a broader strategy to establish community facilities and enhance active travel connections. The Bridging Island Plan 2022–25, which directs planning decisions within Jersey, seeks to stimulate economic growth, provide housing, and safeguard the environment, all while upholding a high standard of living for residents.

In late 2024, the Parishioners consented to the Constable's proposal to broaden the scope of the Maisons Constable Ozouf (MCO) Fund. This fund now supports initiatives aimed at improving public and green spaces, as well as developing community facilities, alongside housing projects. The proposed development aligns with the objectives of the MCO Fund by promoting sustainable development and the enhancement of public green spaces.

Project scope

The scheme encompasses a children's play area, a nature trail with green spaces and benches, a small café concession, a community car park with approximately 32 spaces, traffic-calming and pedestrian improvements along La Rue de Patier and St Saviour's Hill, enhancements to the entrance of Birches Avenue for safer access, and a virtual footpath in Patier Road linking the park to the Parish Hall and schools. These components were developed through consultation with Parishioners, the Connétable, and the project team.

A pump track or similar cycling facility was considered; however, site constraints precluded its inclusion. Nonetheless, the Connétable remains dedicated to identifying a suitable alternative location for future cycling facilities, should there be a requirement.

Survey Results and Consultation

Online survey results

An online survey held from 1 to 23 May 2025 received 151 responses. Parishioners were asked whether they supported the overall park and specific elements. The table below summarises the level of support.

Facility/feature	Support (% of Parishioners)	Key comments
Nature trail & green area	85 %	Residents welcomed a space for relaxation and connection with nature and requested benches, educational signage and wildlife friendly planting. Calls were made for wheelchair friendly paths, handrails, CCTV and dog friendly policies.
Children's playground	85 %	Parishioners wanted an inclusive design catering to toddlers and older children with natural aesthetics and security (e.g., nighttime monitoring). Some suggested a pump or cycle track.
Café facility	83 %	Support for a family friendly social hub offering healthy, locally sourced food; concerns included noise, litter and competition with existing cafés.
Traffic calming & road safety improvements (La Rue de Patier and St Saviour's Hill)	83 %	Parishioners strongly supported a virtual footpath and pedestrian crossing but raised concerns about peak time traffic disruption and emphasised safe sighting away from bends.
Overall public park proposal	83 %	A large majority supported the park in principle; Parishioners valued open green space, children's play facilities, seating and a café.
40 space car park	74 %	Comments stressed robust management to prevent misuse, sunken design to reduce visual impact, adequate bicycle parking and family sized bays.
Community centre	69 %	Views were mixed. Some considered a new hall unnecessary given existing facilities; others suggested a multipurpose building with flexible space and a modest scale.
Pétanque area	56 %	Supporters argued that pétanque brings older residents together, but many Parishioners questioned the demand and preferred using the space for children's activities.

Summary

Consultation and engagement activities

The project team held five drop-in sessions from February to May 2025 and presented draft plans at the Liberation 80 event on 10 May 2025. Over 200 parishioners attended the event and provided feedback; only one person raised concerns about the impact on wildlife. Participants emphasised the need for clearer visuals (such as cross-section drawings), safe pedestrian routes for schoolchildren, and appropriately scaled facilities, including the car park and community hall.

Additional themes from open comments included reopening neighbouring fields for public use, providing facilities for teenagers (e.g., pump/BMX tracks and sports courts), ensuring site security

(lighting, CCTV, and closing times), promoting environmental stewardship, and offering transparent financial information.

The Parish plans to continue engagement, especially with charities and community organisations that can advise on accessibility and inclusiveness.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATION

The community has shown strong support for the Parish Park and Active Travel Improvement Scheme, with over four in five parishioners favouring the park in principle. This highlights the importance of green spaces, play facilities, and safer walking routes. Feedback from consultations emphasises the need for an inclusive and accessible park while maintaining a modest size. Design and management measures – such as sunken parking, flexible community space, CCTV, and agreed closing times – will address concerns regarding scale, security, and funding.

The Connétable recommends that parishioners approve up to £3.1 million for developing the park on fields S514 and S515, as well as related access improvements. He will also explore alternative sites for cycling facilities outside the current plans.

After reviewing the feasibility estimate, the project has been scaled to fit the current budget, focusing on essential features like a safe, functional park. Non-essential elements will be postponed until additional funding becomes available.

The streamlined scope concentrates on the critical works needed to establish the new open green space, namely:

REVISED PLANS INCLUDE:

- **CAR PARK AND SUSTAINABLE FEATURES:** A 32-space car park is proposed, incorporating a range of sustainable and accessible features, including a bicycle store. Please note that the final number of parking spaces is subject to change, dependent on the outcome of the planning approval process.
- **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND TOILET FACILITIES:** A designed play space for younger children, featuring age-appropriate equipment and safe surfacing materials with toilet provisions.
- **NATURE TRAIL:** A walking trail encircling the park to encourage outdoor activity and engagement with nature.
- **OPEN GREEN SPACE:** A large lawn area with surrounding pathways, native planting, and educational signage highlighting local wildlife. Quiet seating areas will be included, and all paths will be fully accessible for wheelchair users and those with prams or pushchairs.
- **PEDESTRIAN LINKS:** enhanced connections between St Saviour's School, the park, the Parish Hall and the Church, together with access improvements along La Rue de Patier and St Saviour's Hill to increase safety and accessibility.

This revised plan guarantees that the essential public benefits—safe access, improved connectivity, and a high-quality, accessible green space—are delivered within the available funding. Supporting this scheme, the Parish will create a valuable community asset that boosts wellbeing, promotes active travel, and strengthens connections with parishioners and key local institutions, including the Parish Hall, schools, charitable organisations, and the Church.