

**15. Crossing points –
Queen's Promenade**

The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure:

What plans he has to increase the crossing points and access to local businesses on the Queen's Promenade, especially between Switzerland Road junction and Palace View Terrace?

The President: Question 15, Hon. Member for Onchan, Mr Callister.

Mr Callister: Thank you, Mr President.

Can I ask the Minister for Infrastructure what plans he has to increase the crossing points and access to local businesses on the Queen's Promenade, especially between Switzerland Road junction and Palace View Terrace?

The President: I call on the Minister to reply, Mr Harmer.

The Minister for Infrastructure (Mr Harmer): Thank you, Mr President.

I can confirm that in the 400 m section between Switzerland Road and Palace View Terrace the Heras fencing will be removed in two locations to allow pedestrians to cross the highway, while work continues in the remaining fenced area.

As the concrete is laid the fence will be progressively removed. The concrete cannot be driven on for at least seven days after it has been laid.

The Department will also continue to provide the free shuttle which travels the length of the promenade daily providing assistance to pedestrians wishing to access both landside and seaside footways.

The President: Supplementary, Mr Callister.

Mr Callister: Thank you, Mr President; and can I thank the Minister for that positive response this morning. It will certainly be welcome news to businesses and people using those businesses.

Can I just ask the Minister, with regard to that 400 m section, if that was the original length of the sections that were supposed to be closed off, because it does seem incredibly long compared to what I have seen in the original plan?

The President: Minister.

The Minister: Thank you.

I go into this in a little bit of length in my next Answer, but it was not intended for there to be a 400 m section.

The President: Hon. Member, Mr Cretney.

Mr Cretney: Yes, could I ask the Minister, he referred to the seven days not driving on the concrete; have there been any instances during this project where freshly laid concrete has been driven on and has caused any damage?

The President: Minister.

The Minister: I am not personally aware of that but I will take that question back to check whether that has happened or not.