

Traffic hit by collision at Beaumont



The scene at Beaumont after yesterday's crash, which badly disrupted traffic Picture: PHIL GILLEY

A WOMAN was in hospital this morning after a two-car crash which blocked the road at Beaumont during yesterday's evening rush hour.

Two silver Fords collided at the filter-in-turn junction outside the Green pub shortly before 5 pm. They mounted the central traffic island and damaged the filter-in-turn sign.

The 62-year-old female driver of one of the cars was taken to hospital with injuries that were described as non life-threatening by the States Police, who are now investigating.

She was admitted to the Hospital and was this morning in a stable condition.

The road was blocked and remained closed until 7.10 pm so that Transport and Technical Services could repair the road-sign, which had been flattened.

The incident caused major delays for motorists. Traffic heading west was diverted at Rue du Galet to St Peter's Valley.

The male driver of the second car, who is also in his 60s, was unhurt.

Candidates' support for same-sex marriage law

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THE majority of election candidates who completed a questionnaire on the issues affecting Jersey's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community have said that they support same-sex marriage.

Liberate and Trans* Jersey asked all 69 election candidates to complete an online questionnaire about concerns held by the Island's LGBT community. The results have been published today.

They show that of the 35 candidates who answered a question on marriage, 80 per cent were in favour of same-sex civil marriage and same-sex religious marriage with an opt-out for faiths that did not want to take part.

Meanwhile, 82 per cent of the 34 respondents who answered a question on whether there should be civil partnerships for opposite sex couples said that they supported it.

Of the 31 respondents who answered a question on adultery, 42% wanted to introduce adultery as grounds for dissolving a civil partnership, 32% wanted a new definition of adultery in law and 23% wanted to remove adultery as grounds for divorce in marriage.

The questionnaire also showed that there was overwhelming support for allowing same-sex couples to adopt, with all 32 respondents that answered this question backing the proposal.

And there was support for no discrimination exemptions, with an exception for reli-

gious organisations. Of the 32 respondents to this question, 88 per cent were against any exemptions for businesses or service providers allowing them to discriminate on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender reassignment.

The Jersey co-ordinator for Liberate, Vic Tanner Davy, said that they were pleased with the response to their questionnaire.

She added: 'The fact that 65 per cent of the candidates responded demonstrates that there is a realisation that LGBTQ issues will need to be addressed by the States in the coming term if Jersey is going to be taken seriously as a modern democracy that believes in equality for all its citizens regardless of race, gender, sexuality or ability.'

'Even those candidates who did not feel they could complete the questionnaire demonstrated a willingness to engage with us and our issues, which is encouraging.'

Liberate and Trans* Jersey named candidates who did not respond to the questionnaire as follows:

Deputy Gerard Baudains, Jane Blakeley, Simon Bree, Deputy Rod Bryans, Chief Minister Ian Gorst, Housing Minister Andrew Green, Angela Jeune, David Johnson, Konrad Kruszynski, Russell Labey, Chris Lamy, Deputy John Le Bailly, Andrew Lewis, Transport Minister Kevin Lewis, Murray Norton, Mary Osmond, Darius Pearce, Deputy Susie Pinel, Hugh Raymond, Richard Renouf, David Richardson, Deputy Richard Rondel, Senator Paul Routier and Graham Truscott.

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