

The Formentera Council's mobility office has announced that this Saturday July 1, 2017, will see the start of a pilot programme to regulate access by cars, scooters and other motor vehicles to es Cap de Barbaria's lighthouse. Department head Rafael González says the move is aimed at "stemming bottlenecks along the road and protecting this natural space located on the swath of public land known as Sa Tanca d'allà dins".

From July 1 to September 15 a barrier will be positioned at Km 6.5 of the road to es Cap de Barbaria. A parking area has been created near the roadside with capacity for 60 cars and 100 motor scooters so that visitors can leave their vehicles and proceed on foot or by bicycle to the lighthouse.

Access for people with reduced mobility

During peak visiting hours, 11.00am to 1.00pm and 6.00pm to 10.00pm, an attendant beside the barrier will allow access to people with reduced mobility and provide visitors with information about the new measures.

The current trial period will lay the groundwork for the path forward in the coming year. The new system, said González, seeks to preserve the landscape and promote sustainable mobility. The goal, González finished by saying, is for people to see excursions to the es Cap lighthouse or the es Garroveret defence tower as "not to be missed, while remaining mindful of our targets in terms of landscape preservation and tranquil tourism".