

# BUSINESS GROUPS 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

## THE GOOD

It is an ISLAND and relatively small and intimate  
 Low crime - security/safety - safe environment for children  
 Zero tolerance on alcohol and drugs  
 Highly educated, resourceful people (friendly) - sense of community (e.g. fundraising special causes)  
 Pleasant sophisticated place to live  
 Offshore islands: tourism at home, Scenery - Lovely cliffs and variety of beaches - coves, rocky, large expanses - Access to the sea: sailing - A swim in beautiful sea - although cold!  
 Access to open space - country feel of a small island  
 Guernsey cows  
 Guernsey milk, cream, cheese, biscuits, gauche and ormers,  
 Availability of fresh fish/seafood  
 The climate - fresh air  
 Good sports facilities - sporting life - Fantastic extra-curricular activities for kids: Sports and Arts  
 Well regulated - Well governed: 'no debt' - Not in EU, Self-governing, Political stability, accessibility to politicians and regulators  
 Good politics NOT professionalised, remote, centralised  
 Low taxation - prosperous small economy that is an integral part of a global economy  
 Good education system with selection at 11: not a comprehensive system like in the UK  
 Good public and social healthcare facilities  
 Free public parking  
 Good bus service  
 Short commute to work  
 Good business reputation  
 Life style - good standard of living  
 Wonderful social life - The Doghouse - Euchre  
 Lovely variety of restaurants  
 Full employment - huge range of well paid job opportunities  
 Distinct from England - Close to the continent: 'time zone' - Proximity to France  
 Transport links (to get off)  
 Waste treatment and disposal  
 St Peter Port: one of the best towns anywhere - pretty waterfront from sea - no tower blocks

## THE BAD

Winter weather - Fog at the airport  
 Overbearing sense of not being able to get out/away - remoteness  
 Stubbornness, resistance to change - intolerant - insular - negativity - "Them and us" attitude of some islanders  
 Ageing population  
 Equal rights for women  
 Expensive to get here/get off - expensive to live - high house prices - cost of medical insurance - cost of energy - fuel prices  
 Relationship with Jersey - lack of cooperation with our near neighbours - cultural divide between islands  
 Dependency on import esp. food/goods - lack of volume  
 International environment - how much of the rest of the world view us: tax haven  
 Reducing sense of identity  
 Government system/process - Salaried Deputies - lack of transparency & accountability in government - lack of joined up government - increasingly bureaucratic - Health and Safety - petty laws  
 Housing Licenses - Open/local divide  
 Road facilities  
 Poor housing stocks  
 Waste management  
 Size of buses  
 Untreated sewage  
 Existing land use planning - location of airport - limited land resource - 'size of island' - wastefully developed  
 Impression of overcrowding - too built-up - with ruined countryside - ribbon development  
 Admiral Park  
 Not being able to attend pop concerts on the island and no good cinema  
 Highest level sport - unable to go to a premiership football match without leaving the island

## THE UGLY

Lack of press competition  
 Reliance on one dominant industry especially now!, Very dependent on the finance industry, Limited career opportunities outside of finance so forcing young people on a career path  
 Lack of staff  
 Political system - small-minded politicians (some of them) - too many politicians without any true leadership  
 Implementation of States resolutions (paid parking, animal cruelty) - inability to take big decisions - do not continue to pander to minority: close both schools is a good example  
 Stand up to pressure from the UK/OECD/FATF  
 Too many disputes  
 Mediocre education system  
 Housing licenses - kicking out essential workers after 2-5 years (teachers),  
 Lack of support for the arts,  
 Lack of PPP ventures,  
 Oppressive building control regulations,  
 Traffic: especially school run - clogged up traffic, detrimental to business - lack of parking in town  
 Motorbike noise, ugly piers  
 State of pavement in town  
 Quality of visitor accommodation  
 Far too many ruined/Derelict greenhouse,  
 Lack of activities - lack of girl sports facilities (gymnastics & support) - More cultural options and events  
 Poor air connections  
 Lack of retail choice - limited choice in shops - high prices and lack of competition - lack of building suppliers  
 Ownership restrictions on housing for licensed workers  
 Waste management / disposal - fly tipping  
 Untreated sewage pumped into the sea