

THE GOOD	THE BAD	THE UGLY
Paradise – living; doing; enjoying; large enough to be self contained Relative freedom from interference (though diminishing) Owned by the Queen – not Gordon Brown Independence from UK Democracy – self governing Unique and interesting culture with own money and stamps Low tax rate – no VAT Closeness to UK and Europe (not being in Jersey) Being part of a group of islands – especially Herm and Sark Parish boundaries Comparatively high standard of living Quality of life Quite a good environment Heritage has survived Beautiful coastline, cliffs and countryside The lanes - earthbanks Fantastic beaches Superb walking – paths Great for sailing, fishing etc., Smell of the sea Convenience of everything Easily accessible recreation facilities The country shows Community spirit Friendly people Secure – low crime rate Reasonably law abiding Good for bringing up families Health care Reasonable health services Education Public services Telecoms Excellent finance centre with controls Availability of jobs Fresh fish	Getting to and from the islands – cost of travel Unreliability of air and sea links Isolation as an island Population control and immigration Ignorance of or indifference to itinerant workforce Growing population – too many people Overcrowding Ageing population Lack of ‘real’ political support for Douzainés Politicians should be aware that Guernsey isn’t insular An apparent political desire to homogenise the island and its laws with the UK and to a lesser extent the EU UK influence – outside political interference Loss of French language Modernisation Poor government States inaction Not strong enough leadership Too little transparency Lack of accountability for public over- spends Politicians who don’t understand the bottom line Environment Department decisions Over suburbanisation Ribbon development Too much building in north Not enough building in SW Limited choice – shrinking options Lack of beat policemen Poor and expensive shopping Too much traffic Large 4x4 driving on narrow roads Cost of living, housing etc., Expense of being small fry Expensive power through lack of resources Reliance on imports Media 11+ Shortage of Ormers	Too much change too quickly for reasons of it being EU, UK etc Loss of language – use of place names Fighting unnecessarily with Jersey Access to Jersey The unreliability of the airport in bad weather The British Government Too many politicians No island-wide voting Incompetent/unprofessional politicians Corruption Old boy networks Arrogant States Lack of decisions by States Lack of action from States Depts Lack of real political opposition More positive thinking required Insufficient forethought by Govt Need to supplement pensions Belief that Guernsey’s tax payers can afford to provide all services in all areas Uncertainty about Sales Tax Fear that some politicians favour borrowing School funding Erosion of parochial powers Slavish conformity to English regulations Over legislation Unenforced Laws Some Laws that don’t make sense Property conveyances in shoddy English Cost of Government Government having a bullying mentality matched only by the Press Only one newspaper Environment Dept and planning decisions More local and minor planning decisions to be taken by the parochial authorities Diminishing tendency to ‘live and let live’ (aka nimbyism) Incongruous development Some buildings - Frossard House Over population Country areas too ‘pretty, pretty’ Fields turned into lawns Ribbon development Immigration controls Expensive rents in St Peter Port The cost of living Cartels Employment rights Predominance of consumerism Proper maintenance of States owned properties Too much traffic Schools/commuter traffic Excessive parking in urban areas Noisy motorbikes Polluted sea water Sewage treatment Refuse problem Litter and people’s attitude to it Derelict glasshouses Petty vandalism and yobbish behaviour Availability of alcohol to under 30s

