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KEY ACTION POINTS

Improve Public Transport (Buses/Trams).

Smaller buses for reasons of: more economical to run and buy; safer; and more innovative/futuristic.

Free service for school children and school users, disabled and elderly. Town trams could be single tracked, electrically powered.

Consider the elderly and disabled living within a Parish, wishing to shop independently but needing transport services within the Parish.

2 Homes for Migrant Workers.

Reduce TRP in St Peter Port for these workers. TRP too high for key workers, so flats are un-let but workers struggle to find homes.

Renovate empty accommodation in Town so that people who work in Town can live there.

Living out of Town = more transport/traffic and more empty unused space in Town.

3 Self Sufficiency (More Local Food Production).

Restoring agricultural greenhouse sites.

Allotments are generally good for insects and good for keeping fields in valuable agricultural use.

Learning centre that encourage self-sufficiency and food production.

Tax supplement on supermarkets importing food that can otherwise be sourced locally.

Less regulation.

Make sure that local produce comes in recyclable packaging.

Promote local/seasonal gastronomy.

More support for farmer's markets.

4 Create Housing Without More Building.

Use space in Town and St Sampson (former office and retail), if it has been empty for a long time, to house people.

Preserve space around development.

5 Move Towards Ecological Housing.

Consider new housing forms – alternatives to 'normal/traditional' homes. Allow eco-materials to be used generally – low embodied energy. Building regulations to at least meet UK Regs to allow this (currently lag behind). Grow hemp on current greenhouse sites. Straw bale and lime produced locally rather than cement imports.

Green roofs. Solar panels/collectors on roofs. Passive solar slabs, thermal mass. Every building to generate own electricity.

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Grazing to Increase Wildlife Habitats on Cliffs and Commons.

Maintains and enhances the landscape of Guernsey.

Good for people and tourism

Wildlife-friendly farming methods ensure that bees will be there for pollinating future crops – increases food production.

Keeping traditional land practices alive should help preserve archaeological sites.

OTHER POINTS CONSIDERED

Consensus that a sewage tax is needed.

Electricity must not rely solely on oil and imported nuclear energy. Marine current energy is the best alternative. Wind power is an option, but is very ugly.

Increased recycling has limitations – seems that incineration is inevitable. Increase access to the countryside, more green lanes and more open access to public land (e.g. the reservoir).

Redundant farm buildings used for housing and 'Fred in the Shed' where suitable.

Develop other industries outside finance to encourage people to return and develop skills.