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A Manifesto for the States of Alderney Election

Putting Alderney First – Working Together for a Stronger Future

Alderney deserves strong, committed and approachable representation. An island where our community comes first, where our voice is heard, and where decisions are made openly, honestly and in the best interests of the people who live here.
I am standing for election because I believe Alderney has enormous potential, but we need to be ambitious, forward-thinking and prepared to challenge the status quo.
My priorities are straightforward: better connectivity, improved opportunities for our young people, accessible healthcare, stronger relationships with Guernsey, transparency in decision-making and, above all, putting the people of Alderney first.

These are the commitments I will work hard to deliver.

1. Better Air and Sea Connectivity

Connectivity is fundamental to Alderney's future. Our residents, businesses and visitors all depend upon reliable and affordable transport links.
I will push for:

- **Additional airlines:** Actively pursue opportunities to attract further airlines to Alderney, increasing competition, choice and resilience in our air services.
- **Improved ferry services:** Work towards better, more reliable and convenient ferry connections between Alderney and Guernsey, and between Alderney and Jersey.
- **Links with France:** Investigate the opportunities for establishing regular direct transport links with Cherbourg, opening up new possibilities for tourism, business and travel.

Alderney cannot afford to become isolated. We must be proactive in securing the connections our island needs to thrive.

2. Investing in Our Young People and Education

The future of Alderney lies with its younger working age people. We must ensure we are attractive to people of working age and that they receive the best possible opportunities to develop their skills and build their futures.
I will seek to:

- Support the continued improvement of educational standards and opportunities.
- Explore apprenticeship schemes that give our school leavers practical skills, valuable experience and a pathway into employment.
- Explore distance learning opportunities for our young people who want to remain on the island.
- Encourage stronger links between education, local businesses and potential employers.
- Ensure our young people are equipped to contribute to Alderney's future, whether they choose to remain on the island or return in later life.

Our young people deserve opportunity, encouragement and investment.

3. An Accessible and Approachable States Member

Being an elected representative is about representing people, not simply attending meetings and voting on policies.
I firmly believe that every islander deserves to be heard.
I make a personal commitment to remain available to the people of Alderney who want to raise a concern, discuss an issue or simply need a listening ear.
Whether the matter is large or small, I will endeavour to listen, understand and help wherever I can.
I will never forget that my responsibility is to the people who elected me.

4. Improving Access to Healthcare

Access to healthcare is particularly important for an island community, where travelling to Guernsey for medical appointments can be inconvenient, costly and sometimes stressful.
I will work with Guernsey's Committee for Health & Social Care (HSC) to explore practical ways of reducing our reliance on air travel for routine medical consultations.
In particular, I want to investigate the greater use of video consultations with hospital consultants, making better use of the facilities available at Mignot Memorial Hospital.
Where clinically appropriate, this could allow patients to receive specialist advice without the unnecessary expense, inconvenience and uncertainty of travelling by air.
This is about making healthcare more accessible, convenient and responsive to the needs of Alderney residents.

Establishing a Dialysis Unit at Mignot Memorial Hospital

I will also lobby the States of Guernsey to investigate and establish a dedicated dialysis facility at Mignot Memorial Hospital.
For those Alderney residents who require regular dialysis treatment, travelling to Guernsey for essential and frequent medical care can place a considerable physical, emotional and financial strain on patients and their families.
Having access to dialysis facilities here in Alderney would significantly reduce that burden, allowing patients to receive vital treatment closer to home, surrounded by their family and support networks.
There is also an opportunity to deliver longer-term financial savings for healthcare providers by reducing the ongoing costs associated with transporting patients and providing treatment away from the island.
I believe this is an important issue that deserves proper investigation and a commitment to finding a practical, sustainable solution for the benefit of Alderney residents.
If funding cannot be secured through the usual healthcare and government channels, I will personally take on the challenge of launching a community crowdfunding campaign to raise the money required to purchase a dialysis machine for Mignot Memorial Hospital. I would be determined to bring the community together behind this important cause and explore every possible avenue to make local dialysis treatment a reality for those who need it.

5. Building Stronger Relationships with Guernsey

Alderney's relationship with Guernsey is important, and we must ensure that our interests are properly understood and represented.
I will work to forge stronger, more constructive relationships with Guernsey's politicians and decision-makers.
By developing better communication, mutual understanding and closer cooperation, we can ensure Alderney's particular needs are recognised and given proper consideration.
We should be working together wherever possible, whilst never being afraid to stand up for Alderney when necessary.

6. Transparency and the Data Centre Debate

The proposed Data Centre has generated considerable discussion, questions and concern within our community.
I believe the people of Alderney are entitled to clear, honest and factual information about any proposals that could have a significant impact on our island.
If elected, I will seek to get to the bottom of the Data Centre debate and establish exactly what has been discussed, what has been proposed, what commitments may have been made and what the implications could be for Alderney.
My position is simple:

- The facts must be established and made available to the public.
- Any potential benefits, risks and financial implications must be properly understood.
- There must be full and open public debate before any significant decisions are taken.
- Public money must not continue to be spent on expensive consultants without a clear purpose, proper accountability and an understanding of what the island is seeking to achieve.

Alderney's money must be spent wisely, and its people must never be presented with decisions that have effectively been made behind closed doors.
Transparency and accountability are essential to public confidence.

7. Working as One Team – Not Divided Groups

Finally, I believe strongly in the importance of teamwork.
The States of Alderney should operate as a united body, with elected members working together openly and constructively for the benefit of the island.
Important discussions and decisions should take place through the appropriate channels, where all elected members have the opportunity to contribute and where accountability is maintained.
I will be a team player, prepared to listen, debate, compromise where appropriate and work with colleagues across the States.
There will inevitably be disagreements, but they should never come at the expense of good governance or the interests of Alderney.

My Commitment to Alderney

I am not standing for election to pursue personal agendas or political divisions. I am standing because I care about Alderney and believe we can do better.
I want to see an island that is better connected, that offers more opportunities to its younger people, that provides accessible healthcare and that has a States government people can trust.
I want residents to feel that their elected representatives are approachable, accountable and genuinely interested in what they have to say.
Most importantly, I want Alderney's future to be shaped through openness, common sense and constructive teamwork.
If elected, I will bring commitment, honesty, common sense and a willingness to listen.
I will stand up for Alderney, work with others where it benefits our island and challenge decisions when I believe they are not in our best interests.

Alderney First. Working Together. Building Our Future.

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