

## **Submission from Deputy Inna Gardiner for the Jersey Zoo Green husting**

First of all, thank you for creating this Green husting event. It's an opportunity for me to share my thoughts on our environmental issues and listen to yours. It is also an opportunity to discuss what the political leadership of Jersey should be doing, could be doing and has done to protect our environment for future generations.

Today we face the challenges of a worldwide fuel and food crisis which we have to navigate, whilst attempting to stay on the carbon neutral roadmap adopted by the last Assembly. "The Carbon Neutral Roadmap" a culmination of a three-years work that started in May 2019.

Within this road map are many policies designed to compliment each other, complimantery systems have to be the way forward, a holistic approach, how we can use small changes to greater effect.

I believe Jersey needs to encourage circular economy vision incorporating an ecosystem aware approach to daily life. We need a circular economy that is good for businesses, residents of all ages and the environment. Each circular economy system has its own unique location, population and challenges so we need to adapt and adjust the model to work with Jersey's unique climate and crops.

As every item or product has an environmental cost to manufacture and to dispose of, as many items as possible should be recirculated locally, we should maintain, share, reuse, repaire, refurbish, remanufacture and, only as a last resort, recycle.

Food and other biological materials that are safe to return to nature can be used to regenerate the land, fuelling the production of new food. We introduced home compostable bags for loose fruits and several businesses use compostable plates and cups, but we cannot process them and therefore should explore compostable recycling facilities locally.

I welcome recent technologies that use less resources and reduce emissions and use renewable energy. I will promote the conservation of our natural heritage, encourage biodiversity, protection of trees and green spaces.

Personally, I am involved in a horticulture project "Grow" (behind Surville cemetery) which is creating a community orchard. It is essentially a place to relax, a nature reserve and a food resource.

After seeing the success at Grow, I would like to see our parks, wherever possible planted with fruit and nut trees. I would like to see our future parks and green spaces planted with lots of edibles: fruits, veggies and herbs. It is even possible some of our public parks have a history of being orchards in the past. I think "Edible Landscapes" could work well in Jersey.

Carefully created climate policies can give us affordable access to clean energy, warmer homes, new jobs and re-skilling opportunities, even less traffic congestion in town and be a chance for everyone to do their bit in saving our future.

I look forward to meeting you and exploring our pathways to sustainable planet.  
Kind regards, Inna

Planting family tree- Candy cane at "Grow"

