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**ENVIRONMENT HUSTINGS  
ANSWERS FROM HILARY JEUNE  
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE ST JOHN, ST LAWRENCE AND TRINITY**

***What is your stance/opinion on climate change and Jersey's role/current commitment to tackling it?***

- Climate Change and the destruction of our biodiversity is and should be one of the biggest concerns of our times as it impacts our food security, our health, the spread of diseases, extinction of species and intensifies extreme weather events.
- Jersey has an important role through our financial services industry, to help the world transition away from financing our current harmful pathway to a more sustainable future.
- Jersey should move away from focusing on measuring our success through GVA, to focus on measuring wider wellbeing, which would help calibrate decisions on allocation of financing and policy making which speaks to wider societal and environmental needs.
- All of Jersey's decisions moving forward must be coherent with its climate and environmental commitments.
- It is important that we ensure there is a fair and equitable transition to a low-carbon island.

***What is your biggest environmental or sustainability-related political goal in the next four years?***

- To ensure that the carbon neutral roadmap and other environmental strategies are financed. Currently the CNR is only 10% funded.
- To ensure that Jersey becomes a true Sustainable Finance Jurisdiction through supporting policies, legislation, and regulation to deliver and enhance the sustainable finance 2030 Vision.
- To integrate and implement any new biodiversity goals and commitments that will come out of the UN's Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework in November 2022.

***What credentials and experience do you have to advance Jersey's sustainability initiatives as we tackle the climate and biodiversity crisis?***

These are some examples of my experience from the last 20 years, that I could utilise to help advance Jersey's sustainability initiatives:

- I have participated in the development of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both by influencing the European Union's position in the negotiations and ensuring the EU and member governments stick to their commitments post-2015. I influenced the SDGs'

international negotiations focusing on influencing the development of the global indicator framework which measures if countries are reaching their targets and goals and pushing for clear commitments on development and sustainable financing (public and private finance).

- As policy lead for Oxfam on Development Finance, I had final sign off across Oxfam on policy developments and strategies related to influencing international organisations and donors. My role meant I supported Oxfam's climate team develop clear policy and strategies on climate finance heading into the 2015 Paris Agreement discussions that has led to the current Global Climate Change commitments that Jersey has signed up to.
- As part of my consultancy business, I have had an advisory role to the Government of Jersey over the last few years which has included providing analysis and participation in discussions with the UK, Isle of Man and Guernsey on the extension of the Paris Agreement to Jersey; Supporting Jersey's External Relations Minister participate successfully at COP26 in Glasgow; Providing research to support the policy development on carbon offsetting as part of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap; Providing advice to the Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change; and Hosting a webinar for [eco active Jersey](#) to raise awareness to businesses about the pros and cons of carbon offsetting.
- I am currently working with the OECD-UNDP on Toolkits for the private sector (multinationals; domestic firms; micro and small enterprises (MSMEs)) who are engaging in international development and climate change projects and programmes. They will be launched at the High-Level Effective Development Co-operation Summit in December 2022.
- I am currently an Advisor to Jersey based the People and Planet Company offering sustainability advice to businesses using a sustainability assessment tool that we built to help businesses holistically measure, plan, assess, and continuously improve its positive impact on sustainability.
- I am an advisor to the Jersey Community Foundation focusing on the environment funding programmes and member of the Environment Section of Société Jersiaise.

## Energy

***What is your stance on Jersey's current energy supply, would you change it and if so, how and why?***

- Our electricity from France is low carbon. We currently have good relations, with a good deal. It will be important to maintain this going into the negotiations for the renewal of the contract in 2027. If we are looking to change this, it would be because of energy security and sovereignty - which is also important - rather than environmental reasons. Exploring wind energy is probably the most economically viable currently. This could potentially happen with little government input, but the government needs to create an enabling environment for this to develop.

***How do you think the relationship between the main grid and distributed generation technologies at the household level needs to be managed?***

- The most viable would be focus on small scale renewables to generate heat. We will still need the grid and infrastructure for those households that cannot afford or support renewables and for when small-scale renewables are not providing enough for household use.

### **Energy and heating**

***If you secured your seat in the Assembly, what would you do to support the switch to low-carbon heating systems for residents on the Island?***

- Heating, cooling and cooking in homes and businesses is the second largest emissions source in Jersey. At the present time the most important issue for islanders is the cost of heating. Supporting energy efficiency and switch to low-carbon heating systems will reduce bills and reduce carbon use at the same time. The type of support could be through the Energy Performance Legislation, changes to the building regulations and financial incentives. Ensuring the CNR is sustainably funded would be paramount.

### **Transport**

***What do you believe are the key areas within the transport sector that need addressing in order to achieve a reduction in emissions and benefit local Islanders?***

- The biggest impact would be focusing on regular journeys like the school run and the commute. Focus should be on revamping the bus system with aim for all major routes with a max 15 min frequency. A cross-the-top bus linking Gorey to St Ouen through the Northern Parishes. To support this, develop parish transport hubs where people could cycle and lock bike securely to take the bus and to support people to get to these transport hubs.

***If elected, how would you support the development and funding of active travel on the Island?***

- Yes

***What initiatives do you plan on implementing within your parish to support the Sustainable Transport Policy and encourage increased sustainable transport amongst your Parishioners.***

- This should be led by the Constable of each Parish, with a climate change group made up of committed parishioners. As Deputy I would support these initiatives and see how to ensure there is links between the 3 parishes in the district, the bordering parishes and island wide implementation.

***What would you do to address the gender gap for active travel and encourage cycling for all young people on the Island?***

- The Bikeability programme from Jersey sport is excellent. It needs to be rolled out to more years and promoted for more take up.
- Increase facilities at work/ school to shower and change to work/ school clothes.
- Road safety still puts off many people from active travel and needs to be integrated into any strategies to increase active travel uptake.

***What are your views on walking routes to school and would you do want to develop this within your parish?***

- District 3 has 4 schools with differing needs. It is not just the route that should be looked at (picking up the greatest number of children) but focusing on preparing the children and

parents to be able to be comfortable to do this. It is a shame that it must be organised. Children should be able to walk to school safely, with parents feeling secure that they can allow this. It should be normal for us to see children walking/ cycling to school on their own and that we in our vehicles, slow down and respect that it is intimidating, unpleasant and scary having a huge metal noisy machine going past fast. Walking routes should be encouraged as a community effort rather than a government scheme through the Carbon Neutral Network and Parish Climate Change Committees. Road safety, education and awareness for vehicle users will need to be integrated into any schemes.

## **Carbon Neutral Roadmap**

**What initiatives will you put in place to bolster the green credentials of your parish, or constituency, in order to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030/Net Zero by 2050?**

- Supporting and encouraging the Carbon Neutral Network and community-based initiatives. There is promised funding available for these. Linking up the 3 parishes in District 3 to see if there are cross-parish initiatives that could be supported like regular Community Markets, a dedicated Website for raising awareness, regular articles in the parish magazines, joint initiatives of the Parishes Climate Change Committees. Communicating regularly with constituents about the island wide plans and implementation of the CNR and other sustainability initiatives. As editor of St John's parish magazine, I already have been ensuring a number of articles that speak to carbon neutrality, enhancing biodiversity and raising awareness of some of the amazing schemes that happen in Jersey already. There are a lot of initiatives that are citizens led and these need to be supported and encouraged rather than duplicated.

**What will you do to ensure that Jersey takes action to significantly reduce carbon emissions during the next term?**

- Ensure that there is enough funding to allow for a real impact on reducing carbon emissions. Currently only 10% of the roadmap is funded, meaning we will only see 10% reduction of the ambitions we want to see.

## **Biodiversity**

**What role would you play in implementing the greening of St Helier/your parish?**

I would play an active role in preserving and enhancing the greening of District 3 and ensuring equal access to the countryside. I would like to see:

- Stronger tree preservation, protecting and encouraging planting more trees/ pollinator patches/ hedges. Including tree corridors.
- Urban parishes having access to green spaces and the rural parishes through countryside access, safe footpaths, supporting links from urban areas into the countryside and between the rural parishes.
- Supporting farmers in District 3 to continue to be custodians of the countryside and push for increasing targeted subsidies and implementation of the Jersey rural economy strategy with dedicated funding.

**Do you think that we need more habitat protection, in order to conserve wildlife? If so, what type of land areas should be protected and what would you do as a potential Deputy to implement this?**

- Yes, I believe we need to look at further protection of the coastal areas, marshes and wetlands, and developing habitat corridors. I also think even at the micro-level is important by encouraging people to protect and encourage wildlife habitats in their gardens.

**The Taskforce for Nature-Related Financial Disclosure, endorsed by the UN, provides a framework for risk management and disclosure for organisations to report and act on nature-related risks. Once this is officially published in September 2023, would you support the adoption of mandatory introductions of nature based financial disclosures for organisations based in Jersey, particularly within the Finance Sector?**

- In principle I think this will be very important and should build on Jersey's work aligning where possible with the EU Action Plan on Sustainable Finance. TNFD is focused on developing a set of practical recommendations and guidance for market participants to use on a voluntary basis. Whether the TNFD's recommendation subsequently move from voluntary market practice to mandated disclosure requirements will be determined by government regulators in each jurisdiction around the world. For Jersey, it will be important to follow closely how this develops and uptake from other larger jurisdictions. In the meantime work could start on understanding how this would look like realistically including how much it would cost to regulate and check if it became mandatory and what type of experts we would need on island. That way we would be well prepared for these discussions from end 2023.

**How did you vote on the recent Marine Spatial Plan proposition, and why did you vote as such, and for those new candidates how would you have voted and why?**

- In recent decades there have been global declines in the health of the marine environment. Threats to marine life include loss of habitat, invasive species, pollution, over-fishing and climate change. I believe we need to develop a network of Marine Protected Areas and support the Bridging Island Plan, where the States of Jersey has committed to develop a Marine Spatial Plan before 2025.

## **Agriculture**

**What are your thoughts on pushing the need for sustainable farming practices, particularly policies of regenerative agriculture?**

- Really important to encourage sustainable farming practices and policies of regenerative agriculture. We must ensure our soil remains healthy.

**What are your views on the Island's level of food security, and would you change anything? If so, what would you want to change and how? How to you plan on supporting and developing the agricultural industry within your parish?**

- Jersey needs access to healthy, affordable food and to ensure our farmers are valued. We need to develop a food security strategy, create a cross-sectoral food security Taskforce to deal with the ramifications of the looming food and cost of living crisis, enhance support, and exploring succession planning, to support existing and new farmers especially small-holders.

## **Circular economy**

**What are your views on the circular economy and its applicability to Jersey?**

- Supporting moves to a circular economy is important and I will push for the development of a circular economy strategy.

## International

### **How do you plan to build relations with global delegates and to further play your part in meeting agreed targets? / how would you plan on Jersey expanding its impact and representation at the next COP?**

- I will push for the Jersey government to continue enhancing relations built through the British-Irish Council on this issue, continued relations with BEIS as Jersey reports on its carbon emissions targets as part of its obligations for the Paris agreement, push for further alignment with Jersey Overseas Aid programmes and as a Parliamentarian through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly (CPA) and other climate specific discussions for Parliamentarians.

### **What role would you play in helping Jersey contribute to this pledge, despite the limited support for this pledge within the CNR?**

- Raising awareness that not all carbon offsetting forest schemes really have a positive impact, especially monoculture planting and schemes that do not include the local indigenous communities and a component that supports their livelihoods, need for due diligence and third party verification is key.
- On Jersey, supporting the need for stronger tree preservation, protecting and encouraging planting more trees/ pollinator patches/ hedges. Including tree corridors.

### **How do you plan to support Jersey's finance industry in collaboration with the UK to provide a solution in their decarbonisation journey?**

- To ensure that Jersey becomes a true Sustainable Finance Jurisdiction through supporting policies, legislation, and regulation to deliver and enhance the sustainable finance 2030 Vision.

### **What is your opinion on this, and what would you do to support GoJ, or your parish, in producing a carbon offsetting policy?**

- I will push for Jersey to develop a carbon offsetting strategy as soon as possible. Understanding that with current restrictive funding and staff resources, the focus now should be on reducing Jersey's carbon as much as possible before focusing on carbon offsetting.