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Ramsey Town Commissioners



VOTE
THURSDAY 25TH NOYEMBER

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Thank you for taking the time to check out my manifesto. I am Luke Parker, Manx born and have lived in Ramsey for over 33years. I have 2 beautiful daughters, married for over 10years and have been jointly running a business (Outdoors Ramsey) within the Town for over a decade.

For the last 5 years, I have served as part of the board for Ramsey Commissioners holding the position as Deputy Chairman, Deputy Lead Member for Finance, General Purpose and Establishment and as part of the Housing Committee, and more recently ran for MHK for Ramsey. It has been an honour to serve the Town and as a Ramsey resident I would like nothing more than to see the Town flourish.

#### RAMSEY TOWN

Ramsey certainly is a great place to live & visit with its independent shopping, free parking, its stunning Park and facilities. It has played host to many events in recent years such as; the Ramsey Motorcycle Show, Ramsey Car Show, SprintFest, Ramsey Rocks, CycleFest and many more.

I have had the privilege to be involved with many of these events and will continue to do so in order to help promote Ramsey as being a vibrant and exciting place to live and visit.



#### AMENITIES, LEISURE & ATTRACTION

The development of amenities within the Town is key to keep the town moving forward, to generate attraction and to make the Town look its best. Over the past few years it has been great to be a part of and to propose certain key developments within the town such as; Splash play area, water drinking fountains, Christmas street lighting & artwork on Mooragh promenade shelters. I would love to continue and see development within the town with inclusive play equipment, investment within our independent retail high street and to investigate more options to improve our beachfront amenities.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Over the next few years Ramsey will be undergoing some big developments which will have both positive and negative effects on the town during its development stages. Examples of these include; Ramsey Quayside Regeneration, New In town speed calming measures and various building projects such as the former Barry Currans Site, Albert Road Car Park and Auldyn House. There are also many other sites, such as the old boxing club, Crystals Auction site & Britannia Pub, which are areas that are still up for discussions and redevelopment which will also have an impact on the town. With all these potential developments lined up it will be crucial that these are managed and planned well before any work commences to help ease the disruption on the residents & businesses in and around the town.

The biggest development over the next couple of years will be the Ramsey Quayside flood defence and regeneration. I would like to ensure that there is sufficient support and information provided to all residents and businesses that it will have a direct impact upon. While the final product should be of great benefit to the town I want to ensure that we still have a town left.

With all these exciting projects on the horizon it is likely to add to one of the biggest issues for the town which is parking and what the future of parking looks like for Ramsey.

Having challenged planning applications with inadequate parking and requested the Department of Infrastructures Parking Strategy for Ramsey, I believe parking, especially turnover parking, is essential to keep the Town moving. One of the biggest assets to the town of Ramsey is the offering of free parking which I would love to see continue in the future. It would be also great to plan ahead by offering other ways and means to get people to and from the town such as bus/cycle routes and offering facilities such as cycle parking.

Manx Radio

Commissioner Luke Parker proposed the board should comment on the lack of parking provision within the plan, but his suggestion was voted down.

### SOCIAL HOUSING

Having served as part of the Social Housing Committee for 5 years it has been one of the most interesting and eye-opening elements of the role. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to serve the community in this way and to help people.

Ensuring high standards for Ramseys' social housing, giving value for money for the tenants while developing houses which are up to standard and becoming more environmentally friendly. Social housing is vital to ensure that residents who require housing are able to obtain a suitable and affordable property. In many cases this can act as the helping hand needed to allow people to save and join the property ladder. Challenging and working with Government over social housing terms has not been easy and I aim to continue to do so and

give Ramsey tenants the best possible homes and ensure budget

setting is pitched appropriately to allow this to happen.

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