



# **JERSEY CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP CONSULTATION RESPONSE 2022**

## **HEATING POLICIES**

## **ON & OFF ISLAND POLICIES**

### **For the attention of the Minister for the Environment**

The Jersey Youth Parliament believe that the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is excellent and will be incredibly significant in aiding our transition to become a sustainable island, however there are alterations in some areas which we would suggest to make it even more effective. We will go through each of the policies in order, detailing our comments.

The consulted young people from 11 school and colleges across the island through a survey.

When asked 'What do you think the first priorities should be for Jersey for combating climate change?' many acknowledged that all actions were equally important. The top 3 were 'reducing transport emissions' (51 out of 139), 'More renewable energy sources' (42 out of 139) and 'More recycling' (21 out of 139).

When asked how important the environment is to young people it scored 8.32 out of 10, showing how concerned today's youth are about the climate crisis.

## QUOTES FROM JYP SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

*"Renewable energy should be accessible to all, no matter your financial situation, currently it seems that it is only available to those in good financial positions, meaning those who aren't, then have the guilt of knowing their contributing to climate change without there being much they can do as they cannot afford any alternatives"*

*"The government should make it (the environment) their main priority (after Covid)"*

*"It is important that we approach things systematically, however we shouldn't drag the process out for too long. This is a global emergency. I think we should approach as many aspects as we can bit by bit"*

*"The government are doing good but they could spread more awareness and tell people what they could do to help."*

*"...they could install solar panels on any governmental buildings and homes instead and instead of relying on fuel for the everyday jersey people in a few years to plan ahead find a good quality..."*

*"Hold businesses accountable of their waste"*

*"More action needs to be taken"*

## HT1

We feel that incentives to encourage people to move towards low-carbon heating systems is a necessary step in reducing heating emissions, as it will enable more people to maintain a sustainable household. This could perhaps be extended to cover the cost of more systems, in order to increase the impact of the policy, as many islanders may still struggle to afford to implement more sustainable methods of heating.

## HT2

We feel that it is crucial to ensure that building standards are updated to reflect the importance of sustainability in construction and renovation. Minimum energy standards will mean that Jersey as an island would become far more environmentally friendly and in addition to this it would give islanders the opportunity to live in energy-efficient housing, which would be hugely beneficial.

## HT3

We strongly support the implementation of Energy Performance Certificates, as it will create momentum in increasing the sustainability standards of buildings in the Island, and will improve the living standards of islanders as they will be able to understand the advantages and disadvantages of the housing available to them.

## OE1

We believe that increasing awareness of off-island emissions is crucial as this is an area which needs to be tackled in order to truly become carbon neutral, as clearly, being an island means that we are reliant on outside sources. It is essential that islanders are educated on the effects of their choices, and how they can make changes in order to reduce their impact on the environment.

## OE2

We feel that it is important to focus on emissions within construction, as this could have a real effect on reducing environmental impact. We believe that it is important to focus on innovation within this sector, as modern methods could make a real difference in reducing emissions produced. We also feel that upskilling will be essential in our journey towards carbon neutrality, as it will enable us to move forwards with the capability to become more sustainable.

## OE3

Reducing emissions within agriculture is extremely important, as it is a key industry within the Island, so we feel that we need to meet targets in order to increase sustainability whilst preserving such an important aspect of our island community.

#### OE4

Ensuring that waste management is sustainable is critical in becoming carbon neutral, so we feel that, as suggested, we should aim for a date even earlier than 2038, in order to remain on target. We strongly agree that there should be a focus on the hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle, as this will enable us to tackle the source of our problems directly.

#### OE5

We feel that it is important to limit the production of F-gases, due to the huge effect that they can have on the environment, therefore we agree with the proposal to ensure that this is focused on and reduced in accordance with International agreements.

#### OE6

This is a policy that we feel particularly passionately about, as since finance is such an important industry in the Island, it is essential that sustainability is ensured, as it has a large-scale impact. We feel that it is crucial to deliver a sustainable finance framework, as it could indeed have effects on a global scale, and will establish Jersey as a leader in innovation within finance.

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