

**Neil Inder**

**Part 1**

Subject	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Undecided / Prefer not to answer	Comment
Faith in the Community	The States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with, the faith sector in shared Island outcomes.	yes			The secular society has been built from the foundations of faith. Do I want to see the Lord's Prayer every morning at Assembly? No. Do I recognise those of faith can have a legitimate input in society like any one else of any class. Colour or creed. Yes
Life for Both	The States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child in deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.	yes			I voted against the 24 weeks. My 8 yr old niece was born at 23 weeks and 2 days
End of Life Care	The States should implement its extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care.	yes			
Care for our wider world	The States' existing commitment to supporting Overseas Aid should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2%			undecided	Supportive of OSA; not sure it will survive in its entirety the Covid crash

	of GDP by 2030 should remain.				
Caring for ex-offenders	The States' support for caring for ex-offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working together for the good of the Island.	yes			
Subject	Statement	Agree	Disagree	Undecided / Prefer not to answer	Comment
Poverty in the Community	Addressing poverty in food, pensions and work should be a priority area for the new States to create a fairer Island for all.	yes			
Faith in our Schools	Churches working together to support the Island schools in delivering the Guernsey educational curriculum in religious education and personal development is to be encouraged.			undecided	I'm not sure
Faith in the environment and Creation Care	The existing States commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term, given the climate crisis. The new States should actively work to reduce the Island's carbon emissions in a shorter time period.			undecided	It's probably to olong term but the reality is that it will be the middle-guernsey that will be hit the hardest

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Faith in the Community	What steps you would like the new States to take to better engage with the faith sector and churches in particular, in serving our Island?	We clearly need to recognise the importance of the voluntary sector; but not sure that's just faith based
Life for Both	What are your views on the proposed States' legislation to legalise the termination life of the unborn up to delivery for "significant" abnormality (includes disability), when this could be held to be in contravention of the UN rights of disabled persons?	Tough one. It's sometimes better for all to recognise the gravity of the situation
End of Life Care <i>(Please answer both questions a and b).</i>	<p>a. Do you support the legalisation of various forms of euthanasia (including assisted dying) as an answer to end of life care?</p> <p>b. Do you support a greater investment in end of life care services, including facilitating a specialist on-Island consultant in this field?</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes</p>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Care in our Island and for our wider world	Would you support the widening of Gift Aid thresholds from the current limits of £500 (min) to £5,000 (max) along with the introduction of payroll giving? Please inform us in your response, by briefly setting out your reasons.	Not an expert in area
Poverty in the Community	What proposals would you like to bring forward to reduce poverty in various forms in the Island?	Reduce size of the state, redistribute downwards

Faith in the environment and creation care	How can the States more effectively implement its policies for protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity?	Legislative protection for certain areas; clearly the laws are fairly weak to point of non existence
Faith in schools	Do you support faith-based schools in the Island? <i>Note the Island currently has faith-based schools within the States provision and private schools which are faith based or where faith forms part of the tradition and values of the school.</i> Please explain your reasons in your response.	Yes

### Part 3

Churches Convention for Candidates	Response
Do you agree with Guernsey Churches holding an event to engage with candidates in the Island wide elections and to inform their congregations of candidate responses?	<u>Yes</u>
Please give us your comments on the evening, including aspects that worked well or you feel could have been arranged better, given both the circumstances and timescales we are operating under.	<u>I enjoyed the evening; I'd forgotten how much work the Working with hex offenders group conducts in the community. And the sooner we move money down to the voluntary sector from the largesse of the state the better</u>

**JOHN GOLLOP**

DATE Tuesday 22 nd September

CONSENT ,

I. John Alfred Bannerman Gollop Agree to my responses to this questionnaire regarding matters of particular concern and interest to the faith community in Guernsey, being circulated to all island churches for distribution to their congregations

SIGNATURE. JOHN GOLLOP

part ONE

I AGREE that the States should develop a better understanding of, and partnership with the faith sector in shared island outcomes .re Faith In the community. Mg comment would be to such partnerships could embrace loneliness strategy , community cafes and outreach in troubled housing estates and youth work .

LIFE FOR BOTH I Agree that the States did not have sufficient regard for the life of the unborn child In deciding to increase the stage at which a healthy unborn life can be terminated from 12 weeks to 24 weeks . My comment would be we need more community meetings workshops and dialogue to consider rights of babies which could be viable , aspects of disability and alternatives to abortion . I could support a higher limit but feel greater emphasis should be placed on awareness and counseling .I do not support criminal penalties though in most scenarios .

END OF LIFE CARE I strongly agree the States should implement the extant resolution to improve end of life care through palliative care . My comments would be the States should fund specialist consultants and NICE drugs

CARE FOR OUR WIDER WORLD  I Agree that the States existing commitment to supporting overseas is should be maintained and the target of giving 0.2- of GDP by 2030 should remain. My comment is that although our economy might be stretched we shouldn't drop cash just because or GDP shrinks . HOWEVER i woukc priorities direct help of island based charities and people ambassadors over supporting London based charities .

I strongly support and AGREE that the States support for ex offenders provides a good example of the faith community and the public sector working for the good of the island . They should get more funding nd resources to save money Nd recidivism tge mid term

I AGREE that addressing poverty in the community in food, pensions and work should be a PRIORITY area for the new States to create a fairer island for all!

FAITH IN PUR SCHOOLS I agree too that churches working together to support the Guernsey GG educational curriculum in RE and personal development Is to be encouraged . Although my comment would be all denominations and faiths should be studied ideally .

I AGREE that the existing states commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050 is too long term given the climate crisis . I agree that the new states should actively work to reduce the islands carbon emissions in a shorter time period . I also agree it is important to have faith in the environment and Creation CARE . However offsetting green funds and exemptions for heritage may be necessary . Young people want this paradigm shift ASAP . We should br global leaders given our privileged position .

faith in the Community I would like the new States to take many small and larger steps to better engage with the faith sector and churches in particular!

These might include church outreach from a Christian  family residing on a more troubled  housing estate or inner town area,

Faith community hubs in estates, church  family centeres, churches providing free roast lunches. Children's and cooked asi,t breakfasts, loneliness hubs and mental health cafes or other outsourced social services especially upping the transition for the rehabilitation of offenders or other people transiting between institutional care or phases . Plus youth clubs and areas supporting independence and skills in later life!

LIFE FOR BOTH . I voted for most of the mitigating abortion policy amendments and was unhappy  at both some of the outcomes and the bulldozing process during lockdown of such a sensitive area needing dialogue conversations clarity and cohesion .

I agree that the proposed legalization of significant abnormality could arguably be in contravention of the UN rights of disabled persons. We need further advice from legal theological and medical profasions. I am not comfortable with the intersectional elements and feel we need a Properly functioning equality and rights organization and a modern implemented disabled people's strategy and anti discrimination legislation before even considering this far reaching and potentially demoralizing change

END OF LIFE CARE. A). I appreciate that many people in the community including sufferers and their loved  ones wish to see a compassionate form of assisted dying or euthanasia but I voted against introducing a legislative package and policy last term because I could see it was a very divisive community issue not just for the church but could have sucked in millions of pounds worth of law officers time and resources and created difficult insurance and other problems for medical professionals exposed to unique legislation . Although I might in certain circumstances facilitate a free choice of a person to travel to Dignitas , I don't believe Guernsey would thrive as a pioneer in this sphere and I wish to see improve palliative care, but I remain open miNeed!

b) I support a greater investment in end of care services including provision of States support for Les Bourgs Hospice if urgently needed. I definitely support innovation and employing a specialist on Island palliative care consultant, perhaps jointly shared with Jersey or another island .. bubbled with Manx Douglas or Isle of Wight ?

CARE IN OUR ISLAND and for OUR WIDER  a WORLD .

I would support a widening of GIFT  AID thresholds from the current limits of £500 minimum to £5000 and also the introduction of payroll giving ! It would build back better and strengthen the community fabric and should be part of the long delayed third sector partnership strategy

FIVE REASONS for more financed care are \*\*\*\*\*

- \* we should use much of the redirected hopefully not lost probate ecclesiastical court fees to support community church projects like caritas cafe and other projects involving less fortunate or isolated people
- \* guernsey has a low tax base for companies and higher earners . In compensation we need more people faith funding
- \* Some gift aid  can be proactive in reducing long term mental health and disorder costs
- \* we have not used the proceeds from crime fund or participatory budget community funds yet
- \* faith communities and organizations are positive, motivated and often voluntary or lower cost ! Better value for money!

#### POVERTY

I would like to bring forward proposals to reduce Poverty I'm various forms in the island  and community . higher minimum wages, taking more lower income workers out of the tax net , virtually free GP and dentistry consultations , additional medical insurance , more affordable housing with a choice of housing associations hopefully working with faith organizations too

We need to strengthen our FAITH in the ENVIRONMENT and CREATION CARE by more effectively implementing policies for ecological protection and enhancing biodiversity! big topic this , as a Green Party member I support real environmentalism not just the greenwashing and belong to the Chamber of commerce energy sustainability group network, living streets and attend Engineering talks too on renewable energy . I support energy grants , helping people to heat their clothes I support the eco faith project trinity church held in February which attracted delegates from Uk and Jersey .

As to biodiversity habitats the States should directly buy or encourage parish , trusts or church glebe land trusts to buy up fields and conserve wildlife diversity and or grow food  too , fresh fruit and veg .

FAITH BASED SCHOOLS. I support faith based schools in the island both in terms of States provision , the two popular Catholic primary schools and the private independent traditional faith based and endowed schools  . I have always believed in a model of the States facilitating choice and diversity in education and not a one size fits all approach but with ladders up for the less advantaged too ! I support scholarships for children from less privileged backgrounds . I do think though that a narrow doctrinal school entry criteria should be broadened to allow diversity and that all faiths can be taught academically . Lets give families tge right to choose different respectable value systems ..

## PART THREE

I agree with the Guernsey churches holding an event to engage with I WV 🗳 election candidates and agree with my responses being shared too as widely as possible

I thank you fir the opportunity to meet you , reflect and interact with the other candidates too and enjoy ☺ coffee, orange juice biscuits etc ..

But constructive feedback from me would include the following observations!

# if possible give candidates more notice and reminders and texts because we are all busy with different levels of team support and communication skills

\* the concept and context possibly needed more explanation for some candidates and Friday evening nit great for families

# it wasn't really a drop in . I did 75 minutes and couldn't get around every table . It needed two hours and perhaps tighter discipline in marshaling the candidates

# venue too small and perhaps needed more car parking for those with mobility challenges

\* a pity the public of at least congregations weren't invited too

# maybe a small traditional hustings event too with questions from church memberS to the candidates on stage too modulated by the Dean the very Reverend Tim!