

“The Future of St. Aubin”

Harbour Group Common Ground Statement

- We recognise that the Harbour is the heart of St Aubin.
- We wish to see it looking as good as possible.
- We want to see the North Quay repaired.
- We expect Jersey Harbours to demonstrate greater responsibility.
- We expect them to remove abandoned boats, cars and trailers.
- We expect them to visit and police the harbour.
- We expect ‘permanent living on board’ prohibited.
- We require parking on Quay for Boat Owners.
- We wish to encourage the formation of a Boat Owners Association.
- The North Quay should be for visiting yachts in the summer.

Let us explain!

Proposed plans for the repair of the North Quay need to be displayed.
We understand that this work is now at the “Tender” stage and we await detailed drawings to display once this is complete.

The removal of uninsured boats seems to be a laborious process.
Harbours have to explain why this should be a laborious process and expedite the legislation required.

We are shocked that the abandoned cars can not be moved.
Because no one knows where to send the bill!

It’s been a two year struggle to sort out Permits for Parking on the North Quay; and it’s still not sorted! The proposal is to use a scratch card on the Pier together with a permit from the Harbour Office.
However there is great concern as to what Government will charge.

Boat owner parking is a different need from shoppers and workers. Boat owners need a longer option. **Whatever system is chosen it has to be one that can be effectively policed.**

Keeping North Quay clear for visitors in the summer is a priority.
Boats that have moorings elsewhere have to be discouraged effectively.

Boat Owners Notice Boards.

It is recognised that **Visitors and Locals** need to be kept up to date on **Notices to Mariners; Tide Tables; Weather; Safety at Sea; Navigation Warnings and Prevention of Rabies etc.** as a matter of course in English and French as at St. Helier, and any other appropriate language as deemed appropriate.

We are concerned about harbour dredging.

What is proposed? How will it be done? When will it be done?

The condition of:- Moorings – Buoys – Chains

We are concerned that they are out of sight and therefore out of mind from the ‘Office’ in St. Helier.

This also applies to the management of the pontoons as well as the problem of vessels of different draft being set up on the same ‘trot’ with all the issues of ‘slamming ‘ into boats alongside as the tide comes in.

Until recently, the ‘All Harbours Marina and Moorings Manager’ did this by the management technique of “MBWA”.

‘Management by Wandering About’

This seems to be no longer the case. Harbour Officials must be seen to be out and about doing what we are all paying them to do, and then enforcing what they see to be **wrong**.

Managers can not manage if they are stuck in an office hiding!

Mooring management means also ensuring that vessels that are “Too large “ are encouraged to “Harbour” elsewhere in Harbours that are more appropriate for them. St. Aubin’s Harbour can not be reasonably expected to accommodate oversized vessels using inadequate moorings within the harbour. This practice causes risk to other boats moored adjacently, unnecessarily.

Due to recent environmental changes, sand banks that have been established need to be re-located in more appropriate places.

This must not be done without local knowledge.

We have also recognised that the crane on the North Quay requires to be re-furbished. We also note that the Dinghy racks on the North Quay, as currently established, **may detract from the view of St. Aubin's Bay.**

Consideration should be given to moving some of them to the other side of the fuel berth.

- We also consider that the 'Fort' needs a clean up !

Information Boards giving the Causeway safe crossing times are required.

Public Toilet facilities need to be established on the Fort.

Power supplies could be offered.

Winter Boat storage areas could be established.

Heritage Plaques should be displayed.

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Noted from the Meeting 26.02.08

- Management issue; powered craft launched from the beach should be moved further east.
- Consideration should also be given to the provision for the disposal of liquid waste on both quays.

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