



SAUNDERS IN DOUGLAS EAST

For Our Families and Local Businesses



***“Will this decision make the
Island and the lives of Manx
Residents better?”***

**A better Douglas East, a government
that delivers, an economy that works
for our people**

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I'M ANDY, AND HERE'S WHY I WANT TO BE YOUR MHK

*For a Vibrant Heart
of Douglas and our
Island*

DOUGLAS EAST ISN'T JUST WHERE I AM STANDING IT'S MY HOME

I have lived, worked and built businesses here since my family move to the Island in 1977.

From my parents small stores to operating Quids Inn and Event Management Solutions, I understand the pressures facing our families, employees and businesses.

Through Licensed Victuallers, Start a Conversation, Mann Made Festival leadership I have seen what happens when communities work together to help each other.

I am standing because Douglas East deserves a MHK who understands real life, is straight talking, and is prepared to challenge a government that often costs too much and delivers too little.

“What I bring to the table?”

- More than 30 years of business experience
- Knowledge of representing business and community action groups
- A lifelong connection with Douglas East



MY CORE PRINCIPLES.

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES:

Policies to improve access to affordable housing, better education from start to finish, better health outcomes, creating paths to better job opportunities.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESS:

We must support our core industries; tourism, retail, agriculture, manufacturing, finance. A raft of policies to help make sure we grow our economy.

GOVERNMENT REFORM:

We are paying more and more for government while getting less and less back in services, we need to reshape our government to work for us.
Money must be focused on front lines



SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES THE POLICIES

Affordable Housing:

We must attack the lack of housing on our Island from every angle.

- help LAs build more social housing
- improve first time buyers schemes
- make affordable home build requirements stronger
- discourage large “buy to let” ownership investors
- look at residency regulations to support locals

Improving Education

We need to make sure Education is providing what our children need:

- more spaces in primary schools
- focus on more vocational skill education
- develop a sixth form college of excellence
- look at modular higher education paths

Better Healthcare Outcomes for ALL

For all our families from the youngest to our elders

- better access to GP surgeries
- early support for mental health access
- refocus health expenditure to frontline
- invest in training our own people in healthcare
- encourage preemptive health education
- support third sector providers, experts in their fields

SUPPORT FOR OUR BUSINESS THE POLICIES



Supporting our CORE Sectors

Tourism, Retail, Agriculture, Manufacturing and Finance will always be here, let's support them:

- Make it easier and cheaper to get on and off the Island for visitors, our people and freight.
- Encourage training in the areas we need skills.
- Develop new leads in these sectors quickly.
- Legislate to make business development easier.
- Allow our people to work how they can.
- Listen to the Business Leaders.

Supporting our Town Centres

How do we revitalise our city, town and village centres:

- Incentivise town centre events.
- Discourage empty properties.
- Support rezoning of properties to allow housing development.
- Encourage creation of startup hubs in towns.
- Listen to the Business Leaders again.

Growing Our Economy

We also need new businesses, let's make that happen again

- Be proactive and inviting to new business.
- Reduce bureaucracy and paperwork.
- Make banking provision more available.
- Legislate to support business, not stifle them.
- Make the cost of doing business cheaper.
- Listen to the Business Leaders yet again!



GOVERNMENT REFORM THE POLICIES

Open Government

We must have open and scrutinisable government to create trust and support from our people and businesses

- All government data on contracts and tenders should be made public
- Figures should be publicly available sooner.
- We need better digital access to all our data
- More weight given to consultation responses
- Consider citizen's assemblies on core topics

Refocusing Government

We used to be a small, proactive jurisdiction. We have lost that huge advantage.

- Our Frontline services need rebuilt
- We suffer from major problems of duplication in roles
- Our departments don't interact enough
- We need a central administrative hub
- We need smaller, faster acting expertise in departments
- Government should support the private sector, not attempt to compete with it. Business builds economies.
- Government should be listening to our people

**You can read more about all my policies on
www.AndySaundersforDouglasEast.com**

DOUGLAS EAST

Our next five years together

**HOW I HOPE TO LOOK AFTER YOU IN
DOUGLAS EAST**

**I may not win every argument, but
I'll work hard for you all**

- Fix our primary school problem by building a new school on Park Road.
- Reinvigorate the Promenade Walkway and it's surroundings.
- Horse trams back, without business disruption
- City Centre bustling and busy, ideally with locally owned businesses.
- Nobles Park to be for our people and families leisure activities
- Infrastructure and tourism attractions maintained
- Fair parking controls for residents

Policies on Immigration, Travel, Food Security, VAT, Biosphere and Heritage are on the website.

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Vote Saunders on Sept 24th

I will be accountable, visible and accessible.

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