**Taxation Consultation with the Residents of Sark**

**Responses**

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**(A) Current Tax System – Score Rating 2 – Disagree**

Develop a fair and equitable tax system that does not disproportionately favour high-net-worth individuals or those seeking to avoid taxes elsewhere. Revising existing tax legislation to close loopholes that allow for tax avoidance is essential in creating a balanced fiscal environment.

**(B) Personal Capital Tax – Forfait – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

Establish a substantially higher rate for individuals owning/occupying multiple properties, potentially set at four to five times the standard rate. This approach ensures that those with the financial means to maintain multiple homes contribute more significantly to the local economy, fostering means to maintain responsibility among residents.

**(C) 91st Day Personal Capital Tax – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

No comment.

**(D) Personal Capital Tax – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

No comment.

**(E) Seasonal Workers – Score Rating 2 – Disagree**

No comment.

**(F) Personal Capital Tax Related to Duration of Residency on Sark – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

No comment.

**(G) Derelict Houses – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

Implement a higher property tax for properties that remain derelict or unoccupied for 90 days or more. This strategy aims to incentivise property owners to either occupy or sell their properties, thereby increasing housing availability and generating additional revenue for Chief Pleas. With many properties on Sark currently in disrepair, this measure could significantly enhance the local real estate landscape.

**(H) Property Transfer Tax – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

No comment.

**(I) Bed Tax – Score Rating 1 – Strongly Disagree**

Any suggestion of ‘plate tax/bed tax/bedroom tax/’VAT’/extra impot duties’ must be avoided for the sake of Sark’s fragile visitor economy. The hospitality/retail sector is already subject to significant costs. Such taxes create maximum headlines but generate minimum revenues.

**(J) Plate Tax – Score Rating 1 – Strongly Disagree**

See above.

**(K) Ring Fenced Taxation** **– Score Rating 4 – Agree**

No comment.

**(L) Sark Residency / Tax Residency Approved Scheme – Score Rating 5 – Strongly Agree**

Introduce a registration process to clarify who qualifies as a Sark resident. This would help mitigate the issue of “ghost residents” – individuals claiming residency while contributing minimally to the local economy. Implementing a system where taxes increase based on absenteeism could further enhance this strategy, ensuring that only active contributors to the community recognised as residents.