

In addition to appearing at the hustings, I will try to visit every home on the electoral roll. However, in the event that you may be out when I call, you can always make contact with me at the addresses below. I will be happy to discuss any issues that are of concern to you, and to try to answer any questions you may have about my policies. I will also maintain a blog on my website. charlesparkinson.com, where I will comment on any current issues that may develop during the campaign.

In this manifesto, I have confined my comments to the high-level issues that I regard as strategic priorities, but of course there are many other problems that confront us on a daily basis, and you will undoubtedly have concerns about areas of policy that I have not covered. I think these are better discussed on a one-to-one basis, and it is a strength of Guernsey's democracy is that we all live in close proximity to each other. My contact details are set out below, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is something you wish to discuss.



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Fellow residents of St Peter Port North

I am writing to ask for your vote at the General Election on 27 April.

I was privileged to be re-elected to the States on 2 December last year, having previously served 8 years as a Deputy from 2004 to 2012. I was Deputy Minister of Treasury & Resources from 2004 to 2007, and Minister of that Department from 2008 to 2012. I am a Cambridge graduate, a Chartered Accountant and an English barrister. I co-founded and built up one of the largest independent fiduciary businesses on the island, between 1983 and 2004, and I continue to maintain links with the finance industry.

The backdrop to the next four years is a picture of turbulence and change.

This summer, the UK will hold a referendum

on its membership of the European Union, and if it votes to leave, our relationship with the EU (through Protocol 3 to the UK's Treaty of Accession) will fall by the wayside. Rising nationalism, on both sides of the Atlantic, and increasing hostility to corporate tax planning could limit the economic opportunities for Guernsey.

We must therefore be nimble and active to secure our future.
"Steady as she goes" is not a course for success in a fast changing world.

