



06<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

My husband and I are not born of the digital age and as such feel left out of the consultation regarding the proposed extension to the Ramsey Boundary. A proposal that would through no fault or wish of our own we find ourselves opposing. The proposal would find us residing in Ramsey as opposed to our chosen Parish of Lezayre.

This has caused us great distress as there has been a lack of information or discussion available to us as seniors in society. We have lived at our current address for nearly 60yrs. Having formerly resided prior to marriage in other residences in Lezayre. We choose then as we do now to live in the wonderful Manx countryside with views of the hills and wildlife in abundance.

We have watched the gradual erosion of the services in our neighbours Ramsey over the years. The overgrown hedges, uneven pavements and weed laden paths, blocked drains line the way as you enter the town. Streetlights that don't work and others ironically are on in the daytime even during minimal visits we make to the town. There is very little that Ramsey has to offer that we actually want or in fact would ever need.

We use the Doctors in Jurby, Pharmacy in Kirk Michael, the Post Office in Andreas and we shop in Peel or Crosby. Ramsey's inner town paviers are uneven and difficult for us to negotiate, Shoprite Car Park is either flooded or so sticky we avoid the town of Ramsey as it has little to offer. We don't swim and we are excluded from the Mooragh Park as we have a dog. Yet, Ramsey holds itself in high esteem and realistically has little to offer. We have our own Sewer, and we don't wish to be illuminated by Street Lights. We manage admirably with a fortnightly bin collection and recycle our items in Bride.

We do not wish to be part of Ramsey and are offended by the continuous perception of the need for more houses and people on the Island. Ramsey would do well to manage what it has now and leave its neighbouring parish alone. The Island needs to call a halt to the continuous pandering to developers and actually balance the population with needs and availability. Lezayre residents value what they have and the surroundings that compliment their lives via a conscious decision not to reside in a town.

The whole proposal would appear financially motivated by Ramsey from the collection of higher Rates. There should be an enquiry as to who owns the land in the prosed areas of expansion, who seeks to benefit if the proposal is successful. It would appear Ramsey stand to make a fortune from any inclusion and rezoning of land for building.

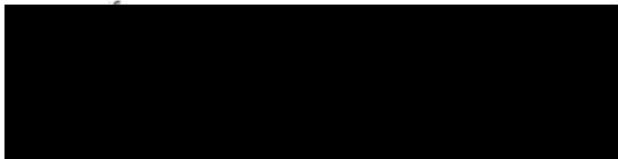
The proposal is nothing short of bullying by a large wealthy Local Authority against a smaller Rural Authority without the resources at its disposal to defend against such an aggressor.

We are against any expansion of the Boundary on the grounds it is pure profiteering and unwarranted. Ramsey appears to be fighting a cause on behalf of developers and prospectors. Ramsey already has many areas of land in its control to meet the needs of the Town.

We do hope that this consultation will be fair and equitable, written accounts will be independently verified and that an understanding of who is behind the proposal and their objectives are discovered. Our Political representatives of Lezayre and those of Ramsey are quiet we wonder why? The directive of May 2021 by Ramsey only seemed to be a revamp of the voting parameters but this latest proposal is a near doubling of the Town and a blatant grabbing of residencies.

In essence we are saying **NO** in the strongest terms to any change that includes us within the Town of Ramsey. We had no wish to live in Ramsey at the point of purchasing are home, and nothing has changed.

Yours faithfully,

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