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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN OUR VILLAGES

The citizens of the municipality of Käerjeng are constantly suffering from the negative effects of road traffic. The noise pollution or, more generally, the nuisance caused by through traffic is not only felt in the Avenue de Luxembourg in Bascharage, but in all the villages of our municipality, especially during rush hours, but also throughout the day. A comprehensive approach is needed at both national and municipality level to minimise the nuisance caused by traffic.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Promote and accelerate the construction of the **bypass road** to significantly reduce transit traffic in the centre of Bascharage.
- Install **speed bumps** to reduce speeding and increase road safety.
- Set up **speed displays** to raise awareness among motorists.
- Reconsider the design of **problematic intersections** to increase road safety.
- Have consistent **speed controls** carried out in zones where speed is limited to 30 km/h.
- Optimise the flow of traffic in the Avenue de Luxembourg by way of an **efficient programming of traffic lights**.
- Increase safety at **crossings of cycle paths** by taking measures to slow down traffic or by installing subways.



MOBILITY

The DP is looking to set the agenda for a modern transport policy offering the citizens a good quality of life. The key to this lies in a pragmatic, interconnected mobility concept adapted to the needs of the citizens and affording them the requisite freedom and flexibility so as to get from A to B quickly and reliably.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Provide an **on-demand transport service** ("Ruffbus") to make it easier to get to the doctor, hospital, supermarket and shops.
- Identify through studies where the creation of **additional parking spaces** is required, e.g. to increase parking facilities during events at the "Treff, Dribbel, Op Acker" site.
- Ensure **parking facilities** for customers and employees of local businesses, both for cars and bicycles.
- Speed up the construction of the **car park** at the railway station.
- **Restrict parking time** in those parts of the municipality where this proves necessary.
- Create **cycle paths** separated from the road within the localities and between the localities of our municipality.
- Equip bus stops with **digital display boards** informing about departures and delays.
- In order to make the municipality fit for the future in terms of mobility, it should draw up a **transport development plan**. This longer-term strategy will be done in cooperation with mobility stakeholders and citizens.
- Set up **bicycle repair stations** equipped with the necessary tools for small repairs and an air pump.
- Introduce a **bicycle rental system**, e.g. at the train station, near hotels and the "Gîte".



FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The future belongs to our children. We want to make it possible for children and young people to grow up in a happy and healthy environment in a family-friendly municipality. We are committed to a future-oriented set of policies and to establishing, in the process, a sustainable urban landscape which meets the needs of the young generations. The measures to be taken in order to achieve this include, as a priority, the creation of diverse, inclusive play opportunities and facilities, the (further) development of safe and, in part, exclusive walkways and cycle paths, the provision of open spaces for young people and the promotion of a varied offer in the fields of sport and culture. We will promote the active involvement and political participation of children and young people through a series of age-appropriate formats.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Construction of a **youth centre** at a new location in Bascharage. A new concept tailored to the current needs of young people.
- Create a **youth centre in Clemency**.
- Improving the mobility of young people by setting up a **shuttle bus on demand** ("Ruffbus") that also runs at night to enable young people to get to regional events.
- Promote the concept of a **young persons' municipal council**.



EDUCATION, CHILDCARE AND SCHOOL

A good education is a prerequisite for a self-reliant life and social inclusion. We see equal opportunities as a core element in this regard.

The DP wants all pupils, regardless of their origin and background, to have the best possible educational opportunities. The key to this lies in having diverse, well-equipped schools and care facilities that encourage the pupils to develop their multifarious talents, release their potential and support them throughout the course of their education.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- The DP will increase the number of **childcare places** in line with demand, thereby ensuring that every child is able to benefit from the non-formal education possibilities on offer. In this connection, we attach importance to the diverse range of service providers and to the different types of pedagogical focus (woodland nurseries ("Bëschcrèches"), childcare on a farm, etc.).
- The DP will further expand the availability of "**Education précoce**", so that all children are able, if so desired, to take advantage of it to the tune of up to 28 hours per week. At the same time, the DP will ensure that, if necessary, all children in the "Education précoce" classes are given a childcare place in the "Maison Relais".
- Ensure a nutritional offer of fresh, local and sustainable products in the **school canteens**.
- Ensure a **safe journey to school** by deploying **crossing guards** in particularly dangerous places.
- The DP will ensure that the municipal school infrastructures are given all the **technical equipment (IT)** and facilities they need, in order to allow them to provide the most up-to-date tuition and to enable the pupils to benefit from modern teaching methods.



SENIOR CITIZENS AND SOCIAL ISSUES

The experience of life that senior citizens are able to offer is something that enriches our municipalities. The DP will create the conditions whereby our more elderly fellow citizens are able, for as long as possible, to lead an autonomous, independent and fulfilling life within the four walls of their own home.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Introduction of a municipal service that provides **administrative support** for older people who still live in their own homes but are limited in their mobility.
- Promotion of **multigenerational houses** to strengthen cohesion in the municipality across the different generations.
- Introducing a **transport service** for senior citizens ("Ruffbus"), designed to enable elderly persons and those with reduced mobility to undertake journeys independently on a weekly basis (shopping, visits to the doctor, etc.).
- **Physical movement** helps to keep people fit. The DP will support measures for the provision of opportunities to engage in sports and movement activities which preserve and improve health.
- Offer **tutoring courses in digital technologies** to familiarise interested people with digital technologies.
- Establish a **social shop** ("Epicierie Sociale") in our municipality.



LIVING A PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE LIFE IN OUR SOCIETY, SPORT AND CULTURE

The DP stands for a free, open and tolerant society offering everyone the opportunity to participate in life in the community. We are opposed to societal divisions and marginalisation, and are committed to real-life solidarity with people in difficult life situations. We want to further enhance intercultural co-existence and to encourage newly arrived residents to become actively involved in municipal life. To that end, we will continue to actively support volunteering, sport and culture.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- A concrete and substantial support of **local associations**. These are indispensable for a good coexistence within the municipality.
- Establishment of a fenced **dog park** where dogs can run free. Such a dog park would accommodate both dog owners and people who want to walk in peace.
- Establish a new **partnership** ("jumelage") in addition to the existing partnership with Gafrenz.
- Regularly organise a **local market** within the municipality of Käerjeng.
- Maintain the existing halls and ensure that there is a **cultural hall** in every village of our municipality.
- Set up a **fitness trail** in the forest.
- Organise **municipality fairs** at which any local association and any administrative body can present itself to residents. This will enable residents to obtain information on the spot about associations and services and to enrol/register directly if they are interested.
- Support **neighbourhood parties** in order to promote coexistence in the municipality and the exchange of views and ideas between neighbours.



A CLEAN AND SAFE MUNICIPALITY

The municipality is responsible for the safety and protection of the citizens. Safety – and in particular feeling safe – is one of the key pillars underpinning quality of life.

Well-maintained public places increase the well-being of citizens and make a good impression of our municipality.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Ensure a greater **police presence**. Take additional measures to combat home burglaries.
- Introduce a **municipal police** force.
- Hold regular consultations with the local citizens about the security situation. On the basis of those discussions, draw up, in collaboration with the police, a **security plan** specific to the locality concerned and adapt current police regulations.
- Ensure that all **pedestrian crossings** have adequate lighting to provide the necessary security.
- Ensure that there is an adequate number of **dog waste bag dispensers** in public areas.
- Maintain **green spaces** in a sustainable but presentable manner.
- Provide **public toilets** that are accessible to people with reduced mobility.



ENERGY AND CLIMATE

If efficient climate protection is to succeed, we all need to join forces. The municipalities bear a particular responsibility in this connection, and must lead by example. The DP is resolved to strengthen climate protection consistently at local level. As a medium-term objective, the DP is looking to make the municipality 100% climate neutral. We want to expand renewables, renovate municipal buildings from an energy standpoint and increase energy efficiency.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Ensure that the municipality acts as a role model when it comes to **renewables and energy efficiency**, and ensure that it switches over to using the corresponding technologies.
- Conduct a study to evaluate whether the **cogeneration plant** on the school area "Op Acker" should be replaced by a more sustainable and environmentally friendly technology.
- Install freely accessible **drinking water dispensers** in public and much-frequented places.
- Keep an eye on the **air quality**, so as to enable traffic-related countermeasures to be implemented where they are needed.
- Ensure that effective **noise abatement** devices are integrated in the construction of the bypass of Bascharage ("Contournement").



HOUSING

In the effort to combat the housing crisis, the public sector bears a particular responsibility, along with the municipalities. The DP is looking to meet the challenge of the growing demand for affordable housing by means of a more rapid mobilisation and promotion of alternative types of housing, as well as collaboration between public and private property developers.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- The DP would like to expand **social housing**. The housing thus created and building plots currently in public ownership should first and foremost be made available to young families and households on a leasehold basis (emphyteusis) or by way of lease.
- In order to boost the stock of **affordable residential property** in the municipality, the DP will proactively approach individuals and companies that are not building on their plots of land, with a view to either acquiring the land in question or renting or leasing the same for a given period for the purpose of erecting modular buildings thereon.
- Promoting **multigenerational houses**, thereby strengthening cohesion in the municipality across the different generations.
- Adaptation of the municipal building regulations to allow alternative forms of accommodation, such as **flat-sharing** or the construction of **tiny houses**.



A DIGITAL, PEOPLE-ORIENTED AND TRANSPARENT MUNICIPALITY

We want to exploit the potential of digitalisation and put this progress at the service of citizens. Our priority remains to provide the best possible service to our citizens. We are committed to making public services more efficient, transparent and accessible to citizens. Our priority remains to put citizen service at the heart of everything we do, using new technologies to meet the needs and expectations of our citizens.

The DP proposes the following initiatives:

- Introduce a **report-it app** that allows citizens to notify the municipal authorities in a simple way of the need for repairs or cleaning/clearing up works to be carried out in public places.
- In the spirit of transparency, we are committed to ensuring that every **council meeting is transmitted** either live or on a time-delayed basis via the internet.
- Ensure more flexible **opening hours** of municipal services and the recycling park.
- Ensure a regular **financial audit** of municipal finances and consistent screening of expenditure.
- Practice long-term planning of **finances and investments**.
- Propose locations for **civil marriage ceremonies** outside the town hall.
- Establish a **forest cemetery** on the territory of the municipality of Käerjeng. This way, residents will no longer be obliged to resort to the infrastructure of neighbouring municipalities.