



# Aldermen's College's Declaration for 2023 – 2029

## **Town planning and infrastructure : school and reception facilities, construction of affordable housing, road infrastructure, sports infrastructure.**

- Coordinated growth: creating living space for everyone!
  - To ensure that we grow in an orderly fashion and live together in harmony, we need to take a careful, sustainable approach to urban planning, create affordable housing and provide infrastructure throughout the region.
  - Good social infrastructure is the basis of our quality of life.
  - We will happily attend to the matter in an inclusive and decentralised way.
  - A workshop with citizens to discuss the development of central squares in their respective localities. The creation of a shared space and a central square, particularly in Howald around the church, will be implemented in the coming years.
  - The adaptation of the general development plan (PAG), where possible, to strike a balance between environmental care and the comfort of human habitation.
  - The creation of affordable housing in collaboration with various partners.
  - A „close to the citizen“ development of all projects that take account of local commerce in order to keep our citizens loyal to their community with an attractive lifestyle offer and thus maintain jobs in the community.
  - We will analyse the development of village centres in the 5 localities in collaboration with our residents and draw up a master plan for the future of our village centres in the municipality, including shared spaces.
  - Together with the residents, we will analyse the development of the centres of the commune's five villages and draw up a master plan, which includes shared spaces for our village centres.
  - In order to create lively localities, we intend to make premises available for group activities, while designing them in a pleasant way so that everyone can feel at ease.
  - We support the concept of „urban gardening“ and want to achieve the development of green spaces in collaboration with our citizens.
  - We are assessing where areas could be created for small businesses to revitalize our villages, e.g. in the form of „Pop-Up Stores“ (building infrastructure for shops, cafés, libraries, meeting places, etc.).
  - Ongoing maintenance and expansion of the sanitation infrastructure for pipes, water and, to a lesser extent, energy. The planning of a new sewage treatment plant and the expansion of water distribution.
  - The transformation and expansion of Rue des Scillas in Howald, due to the arrival of the tram in our municipality.
  - Continued expansion of school and care facilities, i.e. at Howald, Alzingen and Fentange.
  - The creation of new and expansion of existing business parks.
  - Implementation of the „Place Jomé Project“, including the car park and the elevator to Holleschbiereg. Here too, affordable housing, commercial areas and a larger medical centre are planned.
  - The construction of „Tiny Houses“ in appropriate locations.
  - We want to shape our community to make it even more attractive, and also to better serve the population with a high-quality range of cultural, sporting and leisure activities. To achieve this goal, we need the right infrastructure.
  - A pet cemetery will be set up so that our four-legged friends can be laid to rest.
  - Safe cycling and walking paths.
  - An environmentally-friendly traffic network between all the relevant locations in the community (e.g. the Holleschbiereg elevator down to the community centre) to pave the way for optimum contact between people.
- ### **Mobility, bypass, public transport, road safety**
- Well connected, smooth, safe, sustainable: our vision of mobility!

- To be situated in the catchment area of the capital certainly has its advantages, but it also brings with it a high volume of regional traffic, which comes from all directions at peak times. The high traffic volume not only has a negative impact on quality of life, but also on the economy and the environment.
- The Hesperange bypass has been under discussion for several years. The government must build it as quickly as possible. As the college of the mayor and aldermen, we will continue to insist on the construction of this road.
- Once the bypass has been completed, we will start working on traffic calming and „greening“ major roads such as the Route de Thionville, as well as building a „shared space“ at Place Paul Jomé in Hesperange.
- However, not every traffic problem can be solved by building the bypass. That’s why we’re planning to take long-term measures, such as traffic calming initiatives and park-and-ride facilities linked to bus and rail networks.
- But we also need to prepare the local mobility infrastructure and service offer so that they are intergenerational, social and sustainable. With a strong emphasis on soft mobility.
- In our opinion, the safety and quality of life of our citizens, as well as various environmental factors such as CO2 emissions and noise, require a range of constructive and regulatory measures to ease traffic congestion, guarantee road safety and ensure smooth traffic flow.
- The expansion of car sharing and e-mobility infrastructures are important for the future, including in our municipality. In addition, Chargy and possibly Superchargy stations will be planned for installation.
- Examinations will be carried out, for example, to be able to cover parking spaces with photovoltaic panels.
- To promote cycling, new cycle paths will be created and secure parking facilities (MBOX) for bicycles will be set up. There are plans to extend the Veloh stations. Charging stations for electric bikes will also be created.
- Roofed, functional shelters for scooters and bicycles, particularly near schools and bus stops.
- Safe pavements and pedestrian crossings on main and secondary roads, and an expansion of the „sechere Schoulwee“ and „Pedibus“.
- Once the initial City-Bus project has been evaluated at the end of 2023, the whole concept will be revisited in order to improve the connection between localities and improve traffic flow within the municipality.
- The « Late Night Bus » service will be expanded.
- In future, we will need to offer more „event buses“ for

popular balls, parties and events, so as to transport people safely.

- A better public transport connection to the future ring-road station at Howald is important.
- Putting our children and pedestrians first: 30 km/h zones must become the rule in residential areas.
- The construction of a traffic garden to prepare school-children for road traffic.
- Rework the concept of residential parking.
- Development of Howald adapted to residential areas, in the context of the connection to the new ring-road station, by means of a new road layout and the development of the necessary infrastructure.

## **Communication and digitalisation**

- Attentive, proactive, close to you: we explain what we do!
- In order to become a modern, transparent municipality that is close to its citizens, we want to review municipal publications and also send out more digital information to citizens.
- No medium should be left unused: online via the Internet, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and App, by conventional means (bulletin board (Reider), meetings, printed material), by telephone or in person.
- In order to improve the „information for citizens“ aspect, including via new media, the „communications“ department will be strengthened.
- The choice of language is essential for understanding and inclusion. The municipality must communicate clearly and verifiable in Luxembourgish, French, English and, depending on the topic with the target audience, if necessary, in a fourth language, while respecting the provisions relating to data protection and confidentiality.
- Making a trilingual website even more interactive and attractive for accessing all important documents and services, with podcasts or live broadcasts of public council meetings.
- A new, inclusive, interactive „HESPER CITY APP“, accessible 24/7, with information on services, general news, a calendar and a push service for urgent messages in real time.
- A digital bulletin board (Reider) for each section of the municipality.
- Information meetings on important topics. In addition, themed online webinars for those unable to attend meetings.
- A counter/reception/helpdesk to give citizens easier access to administrative procedures.

- Extending the range of online forms for clubs and individuals.
- Increased staffing levels in the IT department to ensure optimal and permanent monitoring of security, including the cyber security of all digital parameters.
- Expanding the council's range of online services, for example by developing IT services for school education.
- Systematic use of the „Orga50“ platform to boost digital interactivity with associations.
- The digitalisation of our communications is inevitable. However, it must be limited to what is useful within the limits of the municipality's room for manoeuvre, existing laws and user-friendliness.

## **Nature, environmental and climate protection, recycling**

- Our local authority is in favour of a coherent environmental policy! We believe that protecting the environment, nature and our heritage is a crucial task for the local authority. It must make full use of its limited room for manoeuvre, whether on its own initiative or in association with national bodies and organisations, inter-municipal syndicates or even private initiatives.
- Suitable energy consulting is important for the future. That's why there will be more information and more places to go for energy advice for our residents.
- But a local authority must also set an example with its own sustainable infrastructure and approach. „Less fossil fuels, more renewable energy“. This is the principle on which we base our climate protection policy.
- The solution to the climate problem depends entirely on the energy issue. We want to give ourselves a wide range of options. In addition to providing more advice and raising public awareness from an early age, and expanding the range of incentives for renewable energy projects, we will also be increasing the number of photovoltaic installations on municipal buildings.
- We are looking into the possibility of installing small windmills. More use should be made of wood from our forests to heat municipal buildings. Systematic use of geothermal energy, ice storage and air source heat pumps.
- The purchase of energy on an inter-regional basis where possible.
- Adapting our regulations to allow for private ecological initiatives.
- We will continue to convert our car fleet to electro-mobility and to develop the network of electric charging points.
- Energy renovation and insulation of existing municipal buildings. The development of analytical monitoring of energy consumption and costs by the Enercoach.
- Planning new infrastructure on the basis of strict ecological criteria.
- Protecting nature and the environment encompasses a whole range of aspects. As part of the Nature and Climate Pact we want to place extra emphasis on water protection and biodiversity. The renaturation of our river and our rivulets will be continued and, where necessary, combined with flood protection. When planning new neighbourhoods, the emphasis will be on proper water management and minimal sealing.
- Our neighbourhoods must be pleasant places to live by encouraging soft mobility and providing plenty of green spaces where residents can go for walks and where trees provide shade in summer.
- Together with the ANF Forestry Officer, we are ensuring that our forests are well managed, including in the context of fire prevention. We are taking action against alien invasive plant species. The planting of new native fruit trees as well as additional wildflower meadows and perennial beds is continuing. Offering local fruit and vegetables as part of the „Gielt Band“ (yellow band) project. A ban on genetically modified crops on municipal land. Implementation of the „Um Kiemert“ garden project in Itzig. Promoting the development of community gardens. Insect-friendly soil management, with the abandonment of insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. Setting up an educational forest trail for children. Consolidation of Hesperange as a farming-friendly community through optimum maintenance of the landscape and the production of healthy, high-quality products. A healthy diet, particularly in the „maisons relais“, where Fairtrade, organic and local/regional products are offered as a priority. Anti-gasping must continue to be promoted in our canteens through increased awareness and wider use of leftovers.
- Our Oeko-Center is set to offer even more attractive collection points for more specific types of waste, and information on the subject of waste will be further expanded for the general public.
- As a resource centre, the Oeko-Center is the ideal point of contact for recycling all kinds of materials. We want to introduce a system for recycling collected cigarette butts. The waste collection system will be reformed using chipped bins so that overall recycling can be increased, based on the principle that those who recycle more then pay less for their residual waste. The

introduction of compulsory and systematic sorting in all public establishments.

- A new „Commission for the conservation of resources - ReUse“ will be set up, where analyses and opinions can be drawn up.
- Increased sorting at events and in apartment buildings
- Monitoring of drinking water and air quality.

## **Culture, sport, leisure and tourism**

- The development and decentralisation of cultural and sports facilities is an integral part of building the future of our municipality. We need to look at where it makes sense to offer a decentralised hub of facilities.
- We want to expand the access to cultural, sporting and leisure activities, across all generations and cultures, in such a way as to bring the residents of our community closer together.
- Access to culture, sport and leisure is expanded throughout the whole municipality. This applies to both the infrastructure and the range of activities. We believe that the local authority, of course, but also our associations and various private initiatives, can play an active role in achieving this objective.
- A „Sports Service“ and a „Cultural Service“ will be set up to provide better support and coordination for our associations.
- The creation of new „Meeting Places“ throughout our villages must become an absolute priority, so that residents can meet and exchange ideas in pleasant places where integration can be demonstrated.
- We will continue to brighten up playgrounds and meeting places with trees that offer shade in summer. New picnic areas can be created in our parks. Multi-sports facilities where children and sports enthusiasts can let off steam. New dog parks will complete these meeting places.
- Our camping site will be revived over the next few years to offer a wider range of tourist facilities. With the renovation and extension of „Haus Baumert“ next to the castle ruin, our history will have a place close to its origins, where tourists and school classes will be able to discover the history of our municipality.
- The new Holleschbiereg elevator will become an attraction thanks to its observation platform. The creation of a „treetop trail“ could further enhance the tourist offer.
- Planning for major new sports facilities, such as a public swimming pool, a new tennis centre, a new synthetic football pitch at Itzig in the Espen and upgrading the Alphonse Theis stadium, will be launched in the coming years.

- New courts and fitness trails throughout the municipality.
- The revitalisation of the „Orga 50“ platform should give associations even more opportunities to improve their external visibility and simplify their administrative processes.
- After the sports coordinator, a cultural coordinator is to be hired.
- As far as possible, the general offering of the various sports classes will be decentralised.
- Expansion of the target group for „Hesper beweegt sech“, with a view to greater integration, to include children who do not attend school in our municipality but who nevertheless live here.
- Further development of our „Kultursummer“ and „Wanterflair“.
- Refocusing cultural programming at CELO as soon as the new Civic Centre in Hesperange opens its doors. A general decentralisation of the cultural offering, by means of concerts on a travelling mini-scene or exhibitions in all the localities of the municipality.
- Voluntary organisations are an important link in our society. We can't mention volunteer work enough, and we can't stress it enough. As well as modern infrastructure, our associations will also be able to benefit from adequate financial support in the form of grants and logistics.

## **Social affairs, children, youth, seniors and safety**

- Socially connected, available and supportive: living well in Hesperange!
- We pursue an intergenerational, intercultural and responsible social policy. Not only do we want everyone to feel involved and to be able to express themselves, we also want everyone to take care of their neighbours, with particular attention paid to those who are alone, disabled or socially disadvantaged.
- The community's social provision must take account of all these different lifestyles.
- In future, the „Mini Hesper“ concept will be relaunched. The concepts of the „Zentrum fir politesch Bildung“ (Centre for Political Education) will be targeted and promoted in collaboration with schools, with a view to integrating children into the political life of the community.
- To emphasise that equal opportunities are not a matter of indifference, an „Equal Opportunities“ committee will be relaunched.
- A playground concept will also be developed for our localities, with the aim of making our playgrounds more

attractive in general and offering more play opportunities for children with special needs.

- Meeting places that are quickly and easily accessible to all, with benches for young and old to socialize throughout the municipality.
- A festive calendar with different events that bring together everyone in the community.
- Structures to help disadvantaged residents: a „hostel“ for women in difficulty with children, supervised housing for young people, street workers on the ground, housing for the elderly, playgrounds adapted for people with disabilities and buildings accessible to people with reduced mobility.
- In addition, the „Streetworker project“ will be evaluated and adapted in order to carry out effective prevention work.
- It is extremely important to give our young people a long-term perspective in our community. This involves proactively organising youth work around the youth centre, with the aim of also reaching out to young people who do not attend school in Hesperange.
- Targeted information through the youth guide and themed conferences.
- Preparation for working life through student jobs and voluntary work as part of the „Youth and Work“ initiative.
- The continuation of a round table to ensure optimum dialogue with all the players involved.
- In our municipality, senior citizens must be able to draw on an interesting range of infrastructures and initiatives that are both intergenerational and intercultural, so that they can organise their lives in an active, comfortable and safe way.
- Expanding the range of services offered at the CIPA in Howald.
- Diversifying the range of leisure activities at the „Am Säitert“ clubhouse.
- A consistent information policy through the „Guide-Senior“, themed information meetings or brochures that can also be made available at the Medical Centre to reach people who are more isolated.
- Practical help with living thanks to the CIGL, the remote alarm and the HOPLR neighbourhood application.
- Promoting coordinated collaboration with all players in the sector.
- Health and safety are two essential parameters for a good quality of life and well-being.
- It is the responsibility of the local authority to design and organise these two factors in such a way as to ensure and promote health care and guarantee a

sense of security, both objectively and subjectively.

- Expanding the range of specialist medical services available in the „Medical Centres“, as well as guaranteeing a decent standard of general health care in the municipality.
- Promoting active leisure activities that encourage good health, with cycle paths, fitness trails and fitness areas, and hiking trails.
- The organisation of basic and mental health courses.
- Maintaining the municipality’s security bodies: police and CGDIS.
- The transformation of the „Service des Agents municipaux“ into a „Service de proximité“, which implies a greater presence of officers on the ground to better combat minor incivilities.