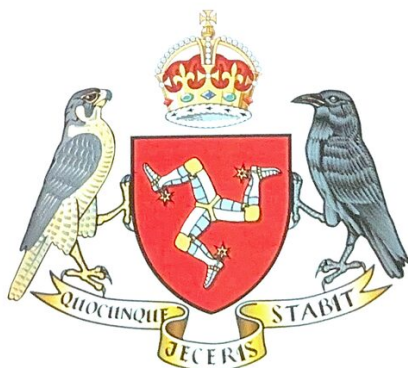




Andre Risha

Independent Candidate for the House of Keys 2026



Leadership. Honest Government. A Better Future.



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I am **Andre Risha**, a consultant surgeon at Noble's Hospital, the elected chair of the Medical Staff Committee, and a former clinical director of surgery. Throughout my professional life, I have worked in demanding environments where decisions must be made carefully, honestly, and with people's wellbeing at their heart. I have led teams under pressure, challenged unsafe practices and unnecessary bureaucracy, and spoken up for patients when it mattered most.

Middle is my home. It is where I have built my career and family life for the past 17 years. The unwavering partnership and support of wife are the bedrock of my commitment to public service. This is also where I have stood beside people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. As a surgeon, I have supported patients in crisis, helped families through uncertainty, and fought for colleagues when systems have failed them. Those experiences shape the kind of representative I will be.

I am standing as an independent candidate for the House of Keys because the Isle of Man needs representatives who do not avoid difficult truths, who listen before they speak, and who put people, not politics, at the centre of every decision.

I offer a clear commitment: to listen, speak plainly, scrutinise decisions rigorously, and work tirelessly for the people of Middle. I bring honest leadership, practical solutions, and the confidence to ask difficult questions. As a medical professional with no business interests that conflict with the commitment to public service, my sole priority is the community's wellbeing, ensuring my focus remains entirely on the people of Middle.

My Core Commitments to Middle

1. Put patients first: I will use my frontline experience to press for safer, faster, and more accountable healthcare. Patients should be able to see a GP, reach the right specialist, and receive necessary treatment without unacceptable delays.
2. Make homes more attainable: I will support genuinely affordable homes, fairer

routes into ownership, and well-maintained public housing. Major developments must be matched by roads, drainage, school places, health provision, and community facilities.

3. Stand up for Middle: I will challenge avoidable road disruption, poor traffic planning, and developments that place too much pressure on our communities, services, and local character.
4. Demand value for money: I will scrutinise major projects, consultancy spending, and contractor performance. Public money must deliver visible benefits for residents, not bureaucracy, waste, or avoidable failure.
5. Back local people and enterprise: I will support small businesses, farmers, apprenticeships, and the skills and opportunities that allow young people to build fulfilling careers on the island.
6. Protect the Island's future: I will support secure, affordable, and cleaner energy only where there is clear evidence of value, proper consultation, and genuine benefit for Manx residents.

My approach is straightforward: **put residents first, support frontline services, protect our Island's character, and demand value for every pound of public money.**

A Healthier, Safer Island

Reforming Healthcare

Healthcare decisions must be shaped by people who understand patient care, clinical risk and the realities of the frontline—not by distant administration or targets on a spreadsheet.

I will work for:

- **Clinically led services:** Doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, carers, and patients must have a meaningful role in shaping care.
- **Clear accountability:** Manx Care should publish regular, understandable information on spending, performance, patient safety, waiting times, and cancellations. To ensure true transparency, this must include publishing granular, publicly accessible data on public infrastructure and exact healthcare wait times across all departments, with robust oversight maintained by the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body.
- **Faster access to care:** We need clear standards for GP access, referrals, and specialist appointments, with transparent reporting when those standards are not met.
- **Timely operations:** I will fight for protected elective capacity, properly staffed theatre teams, and public reporting on waits, cancellations, and outcomes.
- **More effective use of beds:** We must establish better integration between hospital, community, and social care so patients can leave the hospital safely when medically fit.



- **Safe speaking-up culture:** Staff must be able to raise concerns about safety, negligence, or mismanagement without fear of reprisal or by having gossip spread about them.
- **Better mental health support:** Timely, accessible services must be available for children, adults, and families.

Patients must come before politics, profit and bureaucracy. Everyone should be able to access a GP, see a specialist and receive necessary treatment in good time. Staff must be trusted, heard and empowered.

Homes, Families and Young People

A Fair Chance to Stay

Too many young people, working families and first-time buyers feel that a secure home on the Island is beyond reach. High prices, costly rents and limited availability are placing increasing pressure on families and making it harder to retain the people our Island needs.

I will champion practical measures that give people a fairer chance to build their future here:

- **Affordable homes for local people:** Stronger, transparent affordable-housing requirements within major new developments.
- **Real routes into ownership:** Better rent-to-buy, shared-equity and first-time-buyer options.
- **Modern mortgage criteria:** A review of government-supported mortgage schemes so they reflect current property prices and household incomes.
- **Fair and well-maintained public housing:** Prompt repairs, decent standards and respectful treatment for tenants.
- **Infrastructure before expansion:** I will oppose major developments that are not supported by sufficient roads, parking, school places, healthcare capacity, drainage and community facilities.
- **Accessible childcare:** Stronger support for nurseries and working parents so the cost of childcare does not become a barrier to employment.
- **Faster SEN support:** Clearer assessment pathways and earlier, targeted help for children with special educational needs. A prosperous Island needs families who can afford to live here, raise children here and see a future here.



Strong Public Services

Education and Opportunity

Education is an investment in the future of our Island. Teachers need the freedom to teach, pupils need the support to thrive, and young people need credible routes into rewarding careers without feeling they must leave the Island permanently.

I will support:

- **Letting teachers teach:** Reducing unnecessary administrative burdens and restoring trust in frontline educational professionals.

- **High-quality vocational pathways:** Strong further education, apprenticeships, work placements and trades training alongside academic routes.
- **Closer links with employers:** Practical partnerships between schools, University College Isle of Man, local employers and growing industries.
- **Keeping talent on the Island:** More opportunities that help young people establish fulfilling, long-term careers here.

Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, whatever their background, ability or chosen path.

Value for Public Money

Government That Delivers

The public rightly expects government to spend responsibly, explain its decisions and accept accountability when things go wrong.

Our economy depends on the work of local people: small-business owners, farmers, tradespeople, hospitality workers, healthcare staff, professionals and entrepreneurs. Government should help people create, grow and contribute, not bury them in bureaucracy.

I will press for:

- **Focused spending reviews:** We need proper scrutiny of administration and consultancy costs, with savings directed towards frontline priorities. Additionally, we must rigorously scrutinise local corporate tax regulations to ensure large contractors pay their fair share and keep capital within our local economy.
- **Transparent project reporting:** Clear public information on the cost, timetable, risks and accountability for major government projects.
- **Firm oversight of contractors:** Stronger controls on government departments and external contractors, including clear budgets and delivery standards.
- **Backing local value:** Proper consideration of Manx businesses, expertise and suppliers where they can offer quality, resilience and value for money.
- **Less unnecessary red tape:** Simpler processes for residents, charities, farmers and small businesses.
- **Open government:** Clearer information about how decisions are made, how money is spent and who is responsible.

Public money is not a blank cheque. It must deliver clear results for the people who pay it.

A Stronger Local Economy

Backing Manx Enterprise

Our economy relies on the hard work of local people: small-business owners, farmers, tradespeople, hospitality workers, healthcare staff, professionals and entrepreneurs.

Government should help people create, grow and contribute—not bury them in bureaucracy.

I will work to:

- **Support small businesses:** Reduce needless regulation and improve access to practical advice and government procurement opportunities.

- **Protect Manx agriculture:** Recognise farming as essential to food security, the rural economy and our landscape, while reducing avoidable administrative burdens.
- **Improve the Meat Plant:** Seek efficient management, high operating standards and a reliable service that supports a viable agricultural sector.
- **Invest in local skills:** Support apprenticeships, training and skills development linked to the needs of local employers.

A resilient economy is built from the ground up by backing the people who live and work here.

Infrastructure That Works

Middle Must Be Heard

Middle residents need reliable transport links, safe and well-maintained roads, and infrastructure that reflects the daily realities of our communities.

I will advocate for:

- **Smarter road management:** Better-maintained local roads and more coordinated roadworks to reduce avoidable and overlapping disruption.
- **Safer traffic flow:** Practical improvements for residents, commuters, school transport, emergency services and local businesses.
- **A Steam Packet review:** A rigorous assessment of its public-service role, with passenger affordability, reliability and freight resilience at its centre.
- **Infrastructure before development:** Major new schemes must be supported by roads, parking, drainage, schools, healthcare capacity and community facilities.

Major infrastructure must serve residents, protect public finances and preserve what makes the Isle of Man special.

Energy That Works for the Island

Secure, Affordable and Accountable

The Isle of Man needs a secure, affordable and resilient energy supply. We should reduce unnecessary dependence on imported energy and support cleaner, reliable sources of power where they deliver genuine long-term value for residents.

However, major energy projects must be judged on clear evidence, transparency and the interests of the Isle of Man—not on vague assurances, unrealistic projections or the commercial priorities of outside developers.

I am not opposed to renewable energy. But I will not support wind-farm or energy proposals unless the case is properly demonstrated and the benefits to the Island are clear. I will work for:

- **Independent evidence before commitment:** Major energy proposals must be tested against independently verified evidence on cost, reliability, expected household-bill impacts, subsidies, grid requirements, environmental effects and long-term financial return.
- **Real benefit for Manx residents:** Projects must provide demonstrable value for households, local businesses, public finances, employment and skills—not simply allow profits and control to flow off Island.

- **Transparent wind-farm scrutiny:** Onshore and offshore wind-farm proposals must be assessed openly and honestly, with clear information on visual impact, effects on wildlife and marine environments, construction impacts, decommissioning responsibilities and likely cost to consumers.
- **Meaningful consultation:** Communities must have a genuine opportunity to understand proposals, question the evidence and influence decisions before irreversible commitments are made.
- **Protection for our landscape and heritage:** The Island's countryside, coastline, wildlife, culture and tourism are valuable assets and must not be treated as expendable.
- **A balanced strategy:** We must consider suitable rooftop and car-park solar, energy efficiency, storage and grid resilience. Furthermore, we must secure true baseload reliability by managing our existing gas resources while thoroughly assessing the viability of high-efficiency, emerging technologies like small modular nuclear units.
- **Accountability for major decisions:** Ministers, public bodies and developers must explain clearly why a project is needed, how risk will be managed, who gains financially and how the public interest is protected.

Our energy future must be secure, affordable and cleaner—but it must also be transparent, evidence-led and designed to benefit the people of the Isle of Man first.

Protecting Our Island

Security, Identity and Fairness

The Isle of Man is a welcoming community with a distinctive identity, culture and way of life. We should protect those qualities while treating everyone who contributes to our Island with fairness and respect.

I support:

- **Sustainable migration:** Policies that reflect our housing availability, workforce needs and public-service capacity.
- **Sensible border controls:** Strong, practical measures to help keep our community safe.
- **Fairness for essential workers:** Proper recognition and fair treatment for the healthcare, care-home and key workers who sustain Island life.
- **A review of residency rules:** Practical reform where rules unnecessarily prevent vital frontline workers from putting down roots and contributing to our community.
- **Protecting our heritage:** Safeguarding Manx culture, history, countryside and communities for future generations.

Growth must be sustainable, properly planned and matched by the homes, services and infrastructure people need.



Honest Representation

My Pledge to You

If elected, I will be an independent, accessible and determined MHK for Middle. I will only support government when it serves the common good, and I will embrace good ideas, not oppose them. I will assess every proposal by asking the following:

- Will it genuinely improve life for residents?
- Is it affordable and properly costed?
- Is it supported by clear, independently tested evidence?
- Is government being open and accountable?
- Does it protect the long-term interests of the Isle of Man?

I will listen respectfully, including when people disagree with me. No individual MHK can solve every problem alone, and no major challenge will be resolved overnight. But with honest leadership, robust scrutiny and determined work, meaningful progress is possible.

I have no business interests that conflict with my commitment to public service. My priority is simple: **to represent the people of Middle with integrity, courage and common sense.**



On Polling Day, 24 September 2026,

**Vote Andre Risha
for Middle**



**For practical leadership. For accountable government.
For stronger public services. For a secure, prosperous future for our Island.**

