# For a Wildau worth living in

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# A Wildau worth living in

Wildau is a town worth living in with attractive offers for all generations. The children's and youth clubs, many sports clubs, various offers for senior citizens and the A10 Centre provide excellent conditions for good interaction in Wildau. It is our aim to further expand this offer in the coming electoral term with customised measures and to support Wildau's clubs and other initiatives in the long term.

# • More meeting points for the youth

There is a need for action to organise leisure activities for young people. Together with the children's and youth advisory council, we want to find suitable places for the development of meeting places for young people and design these places together with the youth of Wildau and local residents.

#### • Graffiti-Wall and Workshops

We regret that there are more and more graffiti on walls, bus stops and posters in our city. We are not only committed to ensuring that such vandalism is prosecuted, but also want to establish a graffiti wall and offer graffiti workshops together with the children's and youth advisory council.

#### Wildorado

The Wildorado is a central meeting place for the citizens of Wildau and a unique selling point for our town. We are committed to the further expansion of this offer.

#### • Noise protection

Noise protection is health protection and has often been a neglected topic in Wildau. We want the city's noise action plan to be implemented.

# Wildau as a centre for education and science

With various daycare centres, a primary school, a secondary school, a technical university of applied sciences, various research institutions and the technology and start-up centre, Wildau already has a very good range of educational, scientific and innovation facilities.

With the opening of the new daycare centre at Hasenwäldchen, the start of the expansion of the primary school and the establishment of the innovation network "dahme\_innovation", important

foundations have been laid in recent years to strengthen education in Wildau and promote the networking of research and educational institutions.

However, the needs in education are still great and will continue to increase in the coming years due to demographic and economic developments. In order for Wildau to continue to develop as a residential and scientific centre, we believe that the following measures are necessary:

#### • Expansion of the primary school

We fully support the renovation and expansion of the primary school. The renovation/expansion should not only increase the capacity of the school, but also ensure a pleasant educational atmosphere for all pupils.

# • Upper secondary school in the Ludwig Witthöft secondary school

We Wildau candidates support the expansion of the Wildau secondary school with an upper secondary school. Our aim is to be able to educate young people from the town in Wildau from nursery school through to university graduation, thus promoting them according to their potential and at the same time ensuring the next generation of young people for science, industry and services in the town.

# • Recruiting skilled workers

The shortage of skilled labour can be felt everywhere in Wildau. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find qualified employees, not only for companies, but also for the city's daycare centres and schools. We are committed to consolidating cooperation projects between educational institutions and companies in the city, creating or expanding formats for recruiting trainees and employees for local companies at the secondary school and technical college and creating additional incentives for employees of educational institutions in our city.

# • Connecting the university and city

The Technical University of Applied Sciences is a formative institution for our city and our main partner for innovation, development, and cooperation. We are in favour of cooperation between the university and secondary schools (e.g. as part of project weeks, career days and laboratory exercises). The city's administration must be prepared for an increasingly international university. We welcome students and lecturers from other countries at the university, as they can make an important contribution to combating the shortage of skilled labour and can stimulate interaction in our town. In order to strengthen Wildau's welcoming culture, the Wildau website should be available in English and signage in the town hall should be in English as well.

# Participation and Involvement

Direct opportunities for participation and transparency in political processes are essential components of a vibrant democracy. Politics in Wildau must be brought closer to the citizens in the future; citizens should always have the opportunity to participate in the city's politics at a low threshold.

#### • Participation

The participation of urban society in municipal decisions is based on knowledge of its contents and processes. We aim to make this information more easily accessible and to provide it in a well-prepared, comprehensible and, if possible, multilingual format for fact-based opinion-forming. We consider video broadcasts of the meetings of the municipal council and their archiving to be a matter of course.

# • Co-determination

Working groups, consisting of representatives of the municipal administration, city council members and citizens, have a short but successful tradition in Wildau. The same applies to workshops on specific topics. We want to strengthen these participation formats.

# • Forming opinions through citizens' councils

In our view, important issues relevant to the future, such as the future use of the northern bank of the Dahme ('Dahme-Nordufer'), require significantly more involvement from residents. We are in favour of the introduction of so-called citizens' councils. This approach is a supplement to elected representative democracy. It is intended to expand political processes, not replace them.

# Traffic & Mobility

Our town's transport infrastructure has reached its limits in recent years. Together with the residents, we want to make Wildau a sustainable and liveable city that prioritises environmentally friendly mobility and a high quality of life.

#### • Wildau city bus line

We are committed to improving bus transport in order to offer a real mobility alternative for all citizens. Our goal is a Wildau city bus line.

#### • Road safety

The safety of pedestrians and cyclists is very important to us. This applies in particular to the most vulnerable road users, children, young people and senior citizens. Traffic calming measures and well-maintained pavements, the expansion of safe cycle paths and the creation of more cycle parking spaces are intended to promote these environmentally and climate-friendly forms of transport. Important projects include the construction of a

standardised two-way cycle path on Miersdorfer Straße (K6160) and the promotion of the inter-municipal cycling route from Königs Wusterhausen to Eichwalde.

# • Sustainable urban development

We want sustainable urban development that enables short distances between living, working and leisure activities. This creates liveable neighbourhoods and reduces traffic. We welcome the conversion to electric vehicles in the municipal vehicle fleet, which has already begun. Electromobility is to be promoted through the further expansion of charging stations for electric vehicles. We are committed to involving citizens in order to jointly develop the best transport and mobility solutions and take the needs of the population into account.

# Further specific projects include:

- 30 km/h speed limit within the urban area, insofar as the municipality is authorised to determine this,
- a traffic-calmed zone at the primary school,
- more and better parking spaces for bicycles at the S-Bahn station,
- safe road crossings at schools and daycare centres,
- reduction of lorry traffic in residential areas.

# Advancing climate protection & climate impact mitigation at municipal level

A continuation of the energy transition, climate and species protection, better public transport and the expansion of cycle path infrastructure are measures that can significantly improve climate protection. We want to consistently pursue these measures at municipal level, because if we act today, we can ensure that Wildau will be worth living in tomorrow.

#### • Preservation and protection of green spaces

Several parts of Wildau have a high building and sealing density. In order to better adapt to a changing climate, this trend should not be allowed to continue. For us, the protection, preservation and expansion of forest and green spaces is essential. We will not support further large-scale construction projects with the associated sealing of land. In addition, the existing green space conservation plan must be consistently implemented.

#### • Heat supply

We support the path already taken towards the most sustainable heat supply possible. The resulting measures must remain plannable and affordable for everyone in Wildau.

# • Energy efficiency and renewable electricity

We are in favour of fully exploiting the local potential for renewable electricity. The entire municipal building stock (gymnasiums, kindergartens, schools, etc.) and municipal companies (Wildorado) should be considered for this purpose. The energy efficiency of Wildau's building stock should also be reviewed and optimised as quickly as possible.

#### • Water concept

In order to adapt to the consequences of climate change, we want to achieve the creation and gradual implementation of a water concept for Wildau that does justice to the increasing scarcity of the vital resource of water as a result of advancing climate change.