

PANKOW. A GREAT

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Pankow is growing. Pankow remains a great place to live.

Shaping growth with the CDU.

We want growth. But not growth at any price. Not new flats without schools. Not new neighbourhoods without buses, trains, nurseries, schools, community centres, sports facilities, doctors' surgeries and shopping facilities. Not transport policies that work against people, but mobility for everyday life. Not pitting people against one another, but consideration. Not turning a blind eye, but safety.

With the CDU, growth means: planning, building, connecting and protecting. Anyone building in Pankow must provide the necessary infrastructure. Anyone reorganising transport must take a holistic view of pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, local public transport (ÖPNV), tradespeople, delivery vehicles, emergency services, the police and waste collection vehicles. Anyone seeking integration must bring together language, work, values and responsibility. Anyone who promises safety must strengthen the public order office, the police, the fire service, the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), and civil protection and disaster management. And anyone who talks about the future must start with the children.

We stand for a Pankow that grows without losing its soul. For neighbourhoods that remain vibrant. For accessible and attractive districts. For all generations and ways of life. For squares, parks and stations where people can move about safely and freely. For neighbourhoods where background does not divide, but responsibility unites.

Our message is clear:

Transport that works.

More services, better connections, safe routes for all road users.

Urban development in moderation.

Yes to building. But with infrastructure, green spaces and public involvement, taking residents' interests into account and in keeping with the existing built environment.

Consideration and cleanliness in everyday life.

Pankow does not belong to any one group alone. We bring different interests together. Cleanliness is close to our hearts.

Integration with clear rules.

Language, work, respect and our shared values are the keys to living together.

Safety and civil protection.

We want to improve safety in public spaces and create a borough that is prepared for emergencies and functions effectively when the need arises.

For the children.

Good schools, safe routes to school, clean playgrounds and strong child protection are not a luxury – they are a duty.

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For affordable housing and urban development for all

Housing is one of the major social issues of our time. Anyone living in Pankow should be able to feel at home here – regardless of income, age, family structure or life circumstances. However, many residents of Pankow find that there is a lack of suitable and affordable housing: families are looking for larger flats, older people need accessible accommodation, young people need affordable first flats, and apprentices and students need small flats. We take these concerns seriously.

Pankow is growing. This presents an opportunity, but growth must not be organised without taking people's needs into account. New flats, new neighbourhoods and infill development must fit in with the established districts. The unique character of our neighbourhoods must be respected, and the local quality of life must be safeguarded through the expansion of infrastructure. For us, it is clear: good housing policy is always social policy too. It protects against displacement, prevents social exclusion and strengthens community cohesion in the neighbourhood.

We therefore advocate urban development that unites rather than divides: tenants and homeowners, private landlords, co-operatives, municipal housing associations, building groups, church-run and public-interest organisations, and commercial developers must all take joint responsibility. Pankow needs housing across all price ranges and to suit different lifestyles. This includes subsidised housing as well as homes for families, single people, older people, people with disabilities, students and apprentices. We also want to strengthen communal living arrangements and co-operative housing. Retail, commercial, craft and industrial areas must be appropriate for the local districts and blend well into the mix, from the inner-city neighbourhoods to the north of Pankow.

New neighbourhoods must be functional from the outset, be based on existing structures and offer benefits to local residents. Schools, nurseries, public transport, transport infrastructure, local amenities, healthcare, businesses, playgrounds and green spaces must be at the heart of every planning process from the very beginning. It is unacceptable for housing to be built first, with the necessary infrastructure only following years later. Pankow is growing – the infrastructure must grow with it.

Affordable housing is not created by empty promises. It is created through increased supply, effective support, reliable framework conditions and clear rules with less bureaucracy. Supporting the construction of new housing will remain an important government responsibility for the foreseeable future. However, support schemes must be reviewed regularly. Subsidised housing must benefit those who really need it. We want to consistently prevent misallocation, misuse and abuse of such housing.

Tenants need protection that makes a difference in their everyday lives. Existing rights must be understandable, accessible and enforceable. Digital procedures, an effective housing and tenants' register, robust housing regulation and the consistent enforcement of penalties for breaches are more important than new tokenistic policies. We reject far-reaching market-distorting interventions, compulsory socialisation and expropriations. These do not help those seeking housing; instead, they deter investment and reduce the supply of housing.

Our guiding principle is to enable rather than hinder. The 'Faster Building Act' and the 'Simpler Building Act' demonstrate that housing construction can be accelerated by streamlining procedures, clarifying responsibilities, removing obstacles and adapting standards. We intend to continue along this path in Pankow. Development plans must be finalised within clear timeframes in a legally compliant manner. Freezes on changes and deferrals must not be allowed to replace actual decisions. Where the legal requirements are met, approval must be granted promptly.

At the same time, wherever building takes place, it must be carried out with due consideration. Redensification reaches its limits where infrastructure is already overburdened or on the verge of becoming so. We want to make better use of existing potential: loft conversions, adding storeys, serial and modular construction methods, appropriate infill developments, and building over supermarkets or car parks can create new housing without constantly sealing off new areas. Necessary parking spaces, delivery zones and the needs of commercial transport must not be neglected in the process.

For us, adapting to climate change is an integral part of good urban development. Summers are getting hotter, heavy rainfall events are on the rise, and densely built-up neighbourhoods in particular need more shade, more green spaces and better water retention. That is why we want to consistently plan new construction projects in line with the 'sponge city' principles. Rainwater should, wherever possible, be stored, used or allowed to infiltrate where it falls.

Decentralised, sustainable energy supply is important; that is why we support the installation of photovoltaic or solar thermal systems in blocks of flats and detached houses for their own energy production.

Urban trees, flower beds, allotments and parks enhance nature, biodiversity and the quality of life. They are not simply leftover spaces, but form part of the essential public services in this growing borough. In this way, we combine housing development, climate adaptation and quality of life with the local community, not against them.

Specific construction projects, such as those on Am Sandhaus, in the Elisabeth-Aue, within the Karow project cluster, at the Alte Schäferei, on Ludwig-Quidde-Straße and in the south of Blankenburg, must be planned in a sustainable and compatible manner, taking local residents into account, and must be equipped with adequate infrastructure. Housing must finally be built on sites that are already well-served, such as Pankower Tor or Wilhelmsruher Tor.

For the CDU Pankow, responsible urban development means reliable planning and impact assessment. To this end, we want to commission the creation of 'digital twins' for Pankow, a method that has already proven its worth in other local authorities. These enable us to reliably simulate traffic flows, social needs, the environmental impact of projects and much more, so that we can make well-informed decisions on urban design. A first step in this regard is the traffic study for north-east Berlin. The results of this study must be incorporated into the planning process; they serve as a benchmark for the compatibility of new urban neighbourhoods.

In this way, we create affordable housing, stable neighbourhoods and liveable districts. For a Pankow that grows without losing its identity – in the city centre as well as on the outskirts, for tenants and homeowners, for families, senior citizens, young people and everyone who calls our borough home. This is how Pankow will grow – whilst remaining free, liveable and sustainable.

For mobility that grows with Pankow

Pankow is growing. From Prenzlauer Berg to Buch, from Weißensee to Rosenthal, from Heinersdorf to Französisch Buchholz, people experience every day that our infrastructure must keep pace with this growth. Crowded trams, a lack of cross-district connections, long walks to the nearest station, broken pavements, traffic jams, roadworks and parking shortages are not abstract planning issues, but everyday realities for families, commuters, older people, tradespeople, business owners and everyone who gets about in Pankow.

For us, one thing is clear: mobility must be practical, affordable, safe, reliable, interconnected and accessible. We do not pit pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, public transport users and commercial traffic against one another. Individual mobility needs are our priority; all modes of transport have their place. Pankow needs solutions rather than bans, better connections rather than ideologically driven closure schemes, and transport planning that considers the city centre and outlying districts together, even beyond the state border.

Public transport is the backbone of a growing city. That is why we are committed to expanding the underground, suburban rail, tram and bus networks in northern Pankow as well as in the inner-city neighbourhoods. This includes the U10 from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee towards Karow and Buch; the extension of the U2 and U9 with an interchange station at Pankow Kirche; the tram link from Pasedagplatz to the Pankow S-Bahn and Underground station; the extension of the M2 via Heinersdorf to Blankenburger Pflasterweg; and the connection between the M1 and M50. The S2 needs reliable, frequent services all the way to Bernau. The S75 is to be extended from Wartenberg via Malchow, Sellheimbrücke, Bucher Straße and Schönerlinder Straße. With the Regionalbahn and the Heidekrautbahn, we want efficient additional services in the north-east: Buch, Karow and Wilhelmsruh must not be left behind. Bus routes such as the

150, 158 and 350, as well as additional feeder buses, must provide better connections between the outlying districts and the S-Bahn and U-Bahn networks.

Mobility does not end at the station. Mobility hubs on Bucher Straße and in Malchow, better cycle parking facilities, park-and-ride schemes, charging points and designated areas for e-scooters will link different modes of transport effectively. We want to make station areas safer, cleaner and more user-friendly – with good lighting, clear routes, organised parking for bikes and e-scooters, and a more pleasant environment for people to spend time in.

Good footpaths are an essential part of a growing mobility network. Particularly in residential areas and along key routes such as the Eschengraben, footpaths must be constructed, renovated and made accessible. This has already been done in a number of places in Pankow in recent years. We want to continue this work because it benefits everyone, particularly those with pushchairs, walking frames, wheelchairs, suitcases or visual impairments. We want to reduce conflicts of use on pavements – and continue to carry out the tried-and-tested checks against cycling on pavements where it endangers others.

Cyclists also need safe and well-thought-out solutions. We are focusing on closing gaps in the cycle network, clear cycle routes, safe junctions, improved visibility and parking facilities at railway stations. For us, the key is safe routes that work, avoid conflicts and fit in with Pankow's streets.

For many people, the car remains indispensable – particularly on the outskirts of the town, for families, the elderly, care services, tradespeople, delivery services and businesses. That is why we need a motorway junction with the A10 at Bucher and Karower Chaussee, the mini-ring road linking the Malchow bypass and the A114, and smart solutions on Blankenburger Pflasterweg. A new link between the B2 and Karow must not lead to additional through traffic in Karow.

We reject blanket closure schemes. Through traffic in residential areas must be reduced where it causes disruption to neighbourhoods – pragmatically, effectively and verifiably. Parking spaces must be retained where they are needed. We want to radically simplify parking management, digitise it completely and make it significantly fairer. Commercial traffic requires sufficient delivery zones, realistic rules for lorries and an integrated approach involving retailers, tradespeople, logistics providers and local residents.

Pankow must not be permanently held back by roadworks. The Senate, the district council, utility companies, the BVG, Deutsche Bahn and the state of Brandenburg must coordinate their efforts more effectively to ensure that roads are not dug up repeatedly and that long-running roadworks are brought to an end. Traffic lights must be controlled more intelligently, based on the time of day and traffic conditions. We are expanding the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in a way that is open to all technologies.

This is how we are shaping mobility for a growing Pankow: faster, safer, better connected and with respect for the different realities of life in all districts and neighbourhoods.

For safety and order in public spaces

Public spaces are the spaces of freedom in our borough. This is where people come together, children play, young people meet friends, older people go for walks, local businesses rely on passers-by, and families relax in green spaces. This freedom only works if squares, parks, paths and areas around railway stations remain safe, clean and accessible to all.

Our vision is a Pankow that empowers rather than patronises. Rules are not the antithesis of freedom, but its prerequisite. Anyone who illegally dumps rubbish, damages playgrounds, harasses others, sells drugs or permanently occupies public spaces restricts the freedom of others. That is why we advocate clear lines of responsibility, modern administration, a visible presence and proportionate yet consistent action.

Cleaning must be organised more efficiently. We want to improve the cleaning of heavily used parks, green spaces and playgrounds and involve the Berlin City Cleaning Service (BSR) more closely. At state level, the CDU-led Senate has drastically increased fines for illegal waste disposal under the ‘ ‘ (Clean Berlin Act). We are convinced that this acts as a deterrent; we will enforce the penalties consistently. However, we also reject neglected ‘free to a good home’ drop-off points, graffiti in inappropriate places, unauthorised billposting and vandalism. These must be removed swiftly and those responsible prosecuted. Where S-Bahn embankments and other gaps in responsibility are concerned, we will hold the railway company, the state and the district jointly accountable. Public spaces must not suffer because nobody wants to take responsibility. A modern public order office is essential for this. It needs more staff, reliable working hours, better digital processes and equipment suited to the realities of the job. Protective vests, bodycams and the legally compliant assessment of further operational resources strengthen the General Public Order Service. The Public Order Office app should become a genuine service tool: enabling users to submit reports, see their priority and clearly identify the processing status via a traffic-light system. This builds trust in an administration that not only manages but also takes action. That is service-oriented administration at its best.

Security in trouble spots requires targeted solutions rather than blanket bans. Where problems recur, the police, the Public Order Office, youth welfare services, social workers, Berliner Stadtreinigung (BSR), the railway company and property owners must work together in a binding manner. This applies to well-known areas such as Mauerpark and Eberswalder Straße, as well as to other troubled locations in the district. For the north of Pankow, maintaining a police station in Buch remains a key objective.

We will not tolerate places where people feel unsafe. Railway stations, underpasses, footpaths, parks, playgrounds and key thoroughfares should be regularly checked for safety, visibility and lighting. Where lighting is appropriate – for example, on routes to school, heavily used park paths or blind spots – we are committed to making it easier, both legally and financially, to install it. Urban planning must take safety into account from the outset.

At S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations, we view safety not as a transport expansion measure, but as an integral part of the public space. Tidy forecourts, good lighting, CCTV, clear wayfinding and a visible security presence make all the difference. Binding public order partnerships between the district, the state, the police, the Federal Police, the BVG, Deutsche Bahn and the BSR should close any gaps in responsibility.

Drug dealing, public drug use and breaches of youth protection laws regarding the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and cannabis must be consistently monitored. Pankow stands for freedom with responsibility, not for indifference to problems. Children and young people are our priority.

Women and girls must be able to move about freely in Pankow – on streets and in squares, in parks, at railway stations and around bus stops. Harassment and violence restrict freedom. That is why we are focusing on better lighting, regular checks of areas where people feel unsafe, a visible police presence at hotspots, consistent intervention and more easily accessible support services.

We also want to resolve conflicts over the use of public spaces in a pragmatic way. We are striving to create dog-friendly neighbourhoods. Suitable areas for walking dogs can ease the pressure; playgrounds, sports grounds and sensitive green spaces remain protected. Seating and public toilets should be provided where they are genuinely needed and can be maintained in the long term.

Pankow remains open, diverse and liberal. That is precisely why we take a firm stand against anti-Semitism, racism and extremism. Freedom requires respect, responsibility and a state that protects the rights of all.

For a Pankow that is prepared

Safety does not begin only when a crisis strikes. Safety begins with clear lines of responsibility, reliable warning systems, operational contact points and people who know what to do. Whether it is a power cut, extreme weather, a cyberattack, a supply crisis or other emergencies: anyone living in Pankow must be able to rely on the state, the borough and the emergency services being prepared.

Crises do not affect everyone in the same way. Families with young children, older people, people with disabilities, those in need of care, or people with

limited German language skills need special support in an emergency. Civil protection must therefore not be viewed solely in technical terms. It must reach the people – in a way that is understandable, accessible and reliable.

For us, it is clear: civil protection is a core responsibility of a functioning state. Those in positions of responsibility must not have to improvise in an emergency. We want a Pankow that is prepared – calm, orderly and reliable.

We will ensure that, in an emergency, the public is warned quickly, clearly and through multiple channels: via apps, cell broadcast, digital display boards in central locations and, where necessary, via loudspeaker announcements. Digital and analogue warning channels go hand in hand. Important crisis information must be provided in German and English, in plain language and in an accessible format.

We are improving the security of our electricity and water supplies. To this end, we are campaigning for operational emergency generators, backup power systems, solar and battery systems, functional emergency wells and reliable civil protection ‘beacons’ to serve as contact points for residents in the event of a crisis. A growing district in particular needs robust structures that continue to function even when central systems fail.

We are supporting the people who help in an emergency. The fire service, the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) and other emergency and rescue services deserve modern equipment, regular training opportunities and recognition in their day-to-day work. Those who stand ready to help others need support, not red tape.

Good preparation also requires regular drills and cooperation. Authorities and emergency services must train together, be familiar with procedures and define responsibilities. Where appropriate, we also want to involve neighbourhoods, schools, clubs and social organisations.

In this way, we create greater safety, clarity and trust – for a Pankow that protects its residents and stands together in difficult situations.

For business, skilled trades, commerce and innovation in Pankow

Pankow is not just a place to live, study and go about one’s daily life – it is also a place to work. Small and medium-sized enterprises, the skilled trades, the liberal professions, start-up founders, small businesses, the hospitality sector, retail, the healthcare sector and the Buch science and innovation hub all demonstrate that value is also being created in north-east Berlin. That is why we are steadfastly pursuing the A10 motorway link. From the small idea at the outset,

through to everyday services in the neighbourhood and craft businesses, from the café round the corner to industry-related research, economic diversity is part and parcel of Pankow.

For us, it is clear: a district that is growing needs not only housing, schools and transport, but also jobs, apprenticeships, commercial premises, local amenities and space for new ideas. Living and working must not be played off against one another. A district like Pankow, in particular, needs Berlin's unique mix: vibrant neighbourhoods, strong local centres, reliable services, local trades within easy reach and forward-looking hubs for innovation. Short commutes between home and work, good transport links and attractive commercial premises enhance both quality of life and the district's status as a business location. This comprehensive package also makes Pankow an attractive location for new branches of companies operating across Europe.

Economic policy in the district must not stop at general economic development. We want to rethink it from the ground up: what matters most are land availability, speed, accessibility, clear responsibilities and an administration that facilitates rather than hinders. Anyone setting up, expanding, taking over or modernising a business needs end-to-end digital procedures that guide them through the process in a structured and understandable way. We are convinced that this creates predictable procedures, reliable framework conditions and protects against excessive bureaucracy.

For strong families, good nurseries and reliable services for children and young people

Pankow is a family-friendly borough. Many people with children live here, and even more are moving to the area. The CDU Pankow regards it as a cross-cutting priority to meet their needs for housing, transport, leisure activities and advisory services tailored to their individual circumstances.

Children are our future. Childcare must be provided in line with demand. If the demand for places falls, a strategic, long-term plan must be developed to repurpose the buildings and provide prospects for the staff.

Children and young people need places where they feel safe, can meet friends, discover their talents and receive support when things get difficult. Good work with children and young people strengthens families, fosters a sense of community in the neighbourhood and helps young people on their way to an independent life.

In Pankow, the Youth Welfare Office, children's and youth support organisations and providers work reliably hand in hand in many areas. This work deserves respect and support. However, it is also clear to us that public funds are limited.

They must therefore be allocated where they help children and young people the most. Funding requires trust, clear criteria, transparency and regular evaluation.

We will evaluate children's and youth work in Pankow on an annual basis. In doing so, we will assess whether locations, opening hours, weekend activities, capacity utilisation, specific programmes and thematic priorities are suited to the needs of young people. Together with the Children and Youth Welfare Committee, we intend to draw up a transparent set of criteria for this purpose. Good work should be reliably supported. Where services are lacking or no longer meet needs, they must be adapted, expanded or reoriented.

We are helping to design easily accessible meeting places for young people in the neighbourhoods. Children and young people need youth clubs, community centres, sports and exercise programmes, safe meeting places and reliable leisure activities as part of their everyday lives. Initiatives such as the Moorwiese in Buch demonstrate how nature, education and community can come together. We want to safeguard such places, improve their connectivity and assess where additional services are needed – including in winter, when sports halls and other spaces can be used for low-threshold exercise programmes.

We are strengthening the path to apprenticeships and careers. An independent life begins with a good education, guidance and realistic prospects. That is why we want to bring schools, the Youth Employment Agency, businesses in Pankow, the skilled trades, the local authority and social service providers even closer together. Career guidance belongs in all secondary schools. Young people should find out early on what apprenticeship pathways are available in their own district. We do not want to create a duplicate system for digital services listing available apprenticeship places; instead, we aim to consolidate existing services, make them more visible and ensure they are more easily accessible to young people.

We want publicly funded children's and youth work to offer young people spaces for open, pluralistic and critical engagement with political and social issues. It must be possible to present, discuss and put into practice differing political views. Political education should strengthen young people's ability to find their own way and form their own judgements – not influence or indoctrinate them in a one-sided manner. We place particular emphasis on the prevention of violence, education for democracy, and addressing anti-Semitism, as well as right-wing and left-wing extremism and political Islam. To this end, we want to involve schools, youth centres, clubs, church communities and local initiatives more closely. Young people need to develop respect for the dignity of every human being, the ability to form their own judgements, and the experience that democratic debate thrives on diversity and mutual respect.

Pankow holds the 'Child-Friendly Municipality' seal of approval. The CDU Pankow has played a key role in supporting this initiative and remains committed to the

associated action plan. Child-friendliness is not demonstrated in headlines, but in everyday life: through safe paths, accessible services, good places to play and spend time, genuine participation and an administration that takes young people seriously.

We facilitate participation that reaches young people. Children and young people should experience that their voice counts. We support them in raising their concerns in the BVV through appropriate participation formats. We focus on age-appropriate formats, youth consultation sessions, local participation, digital feedback channels and a genuine dialogue between the generations. In this way, participation becomes effective rather than merely symbolic.

For child protection that really looks out for children

Children must be able to grow up safely in Pankow – at home, in nursery, at school, in youth clubs, on the playground, in the park and online. Parents rightly expect reports of violence, neglect, risks of addiction or exploitation to be taken seriously. No child must fall through the cracks between authorities, institutions and areas of responsibility.

For us, it is clear: child protection requires a culture of vigilance, clear procedures and well-resourced structures. We want to further improve cooperation between the Youth Welfare Office, nursery supervision authorities, schools, the Public Health Department, the police, the judiciary and independent organisations. Reports must be identified more quickly, risks assessed more effectively and the necessary support consistently provided. This includes better documentation of relevant reports and case contacts, cooperation that complies with data protection regulations when responsibilities change, and clear communication between schools, childcare centres, youth welfare services and parents.

We prioritise prevention before problems turn into crises. Violence prevention has a place in nurseries, schools and children's and youth work organisations. We take cyberbullying, cybergrooming and digital manipulation through deepfakes seriously. Children and young people need media literacy, accessible points of contact and protection strategies that are effective in the digital space too.

We consistently enforce the protection of young people. Children and young people must be protected from violence, addiction and exploitation – on their way to school, in parks, in public spaces and online. This includes clear monitoring of youth protection measures and decisive action against drug dealing and open drug use in parks and at places where young people gather. Safety and freedom go hand in hand: young people need freedom, but this freedom must be protected.

We are strengthening the Youth Welfare Office and the professionals responsible for children and young people. Those making decisions on child protection need sufficient staff, clear responsibilities, good training and the confidence to take action. Our aim is a child protection system that identifies issues earlier, provides help more quickly and acts more consistently.

In this way, we are creating greater safety for children, greater peace of mind for parents and more support for everyone in Pankow who takes responsibility for young people – in all districts and neighbourhoods.

For a Pankow that looks after one another – a socially inclusive, healthy, accessible and safe place for people of all ages

Pankow is home to people in all walks of life: families with children, women who want to be able to move about safely at any time of day, older people, people with disabilities, those in need of care, family carers and anyone who needs temporary support. A sense of community does not arise in the abstract. It grows within families, neighbourhoods, clubs, church communities, local initiatives and organisations.

For us, one thing is clear: human dignity applies at every stage of life. That is why one of the core tasks of responsible local politics is to consider social infrastructure, health, care, inclusion and safety as an integrated whole. Pankow is growing – its infrastructure must grow with it. New homes must not be built without also planning for medical centres, polyclinics, pharmacies, care services, senior-friendly and accessible housing, accessible routes, counselling services and community spaces.

Older people, people with disabilities and those in need of care, in particular, need short journeys and reliable services. The whole of the city must remain accessible: with good pavements, kerb ramps, safe crossings, functioning lifts and escalators, as well as reliable connections by bus, train and car. Particularly on the outskirts of the city – in Buch, Karow, Blankenburg, Französisch Buchholz and Rosenthal – the car remains a key part of many people's independence. At the same time, we need a strong, accessible public transport system. We need a 'both-and' approach rather than an 'either-or' one.

Safety is also a matter of social policy. Women must be able to feel safe on streets, in public spaces, at railway stations, in underpasses and on public transport – even in the evenings and at night. That is why we are committed to better lighting, urban design measures to prevent crime, CCTV, regular patrols of areas where people feel unsafe, a stronger presence of the public order office and the police at hotspots, consistent action against harassment and violence, and better publicising and networking of support services for women affected by violence. For us, women's policy is not a marginal issue and is not reduced to

family matters. It cuts across the areas of safety, participation, work-life balance and equal opportunities.

For us, policy on older people means more than just care. It is about participation, dignity, mobility and reliability. Local shopping facilities, community centres, multi-generational homes and senior citizens' clubs help prevent loneliness and strengthen neighbourhoods. We want to provide constructive support for projects such as a neighbourhood and senior citizens' centre in Rosenthal. Weißensee and the growing districts in the north also need more spaces for social interaction and cohesion.

With the Berlin-Buch Campus, Buch is a major centre for health and science. We want to better link this potential with the borough. We want to revitalise the Pankow Health Days as a platform for prevention, information and social interaction. When care within one's own four walls is no longer possible, a care place often needs to be found quickly. To make available places transparent and easily accessible, we are looking into introducing a 'Care Place Navigator', similar to the tried-and-tested 'Nursery Place Navigator'.

Social policy requires humanity and clear rules. Child and family services, the health service, schools, independent organisations and family courts must work together more effectively to ensure that risks to children's welfare are identified at an early stage. Where homelessness, addiction or neglect place a strain on public spaces, we combine outreach social work with decisive action by the law enforcement authorities. Help and order go hand in hand.

Sometimes more is needed than a website and a form. Anyone who suddenly finds themselves caring for a relative, anyone experiencing violence, anyone facing loneliness in old age, anyone with a disability seeking support, or any family facing a crisis needs guidance, trust and someone who will listen.

Christian social policy puts people first – not the procedure.

That is why, in Pankow, we want to shape the support landscape so that it is easily accessible, understandable and humane. Help must reach those who need it: women in distress, older people, those in need of care and their relatives, people with disabilities, families, children and people facing social difficulties, and everyone who experiences exclusion. No one should be sent from one place to another without knowing who is actually responsible.

Our guiding principle is one-stop counselling. Clear points of contact, effective referral systems and integrated services are designed to ensure that people can quickly find the right support. Digital counselling can be an important first point of access. A digital service available round the clock with a chat function is intended to provide easily accessible information on support, advice centres, applications, deadlines, documentation and ways to make personal contact. But digital services do not replace face-to-face conversations. They are intended to take the pressure off, so that more time remains for what really matters:

listening, supporting, explaining and helping. Trust and direct communication are particularly important in sensitive life situations. That is why we want to maintain and strengthen face-to-face counselling services – close to home, accessible and well-connected.

Churches and parishes, charitable organisations, independent providers, associations, self-help groups and volunteers are indispensable partners in this endeavour. They know the people; they provide spaces, pastoral care, advice, a place to meet and practical help. The district should not replace this work, but rather better coordinate, support and raise the profile of it.

In this way, we are creating a Pankow where people facing difficult life situations are not left to grapple with forms on their own, but can quickly find guidance, human connection and practical help.

For recreation and quality of life in all neighbourhoods

A family-friendly borough needs places where children can play safely, young people can be active, families can come together and older people can relax. Green spaces, playgrounds and football pitches are therefore more than just ‘ ‘ facilities on the borough’s plan. They are social spaces. This is where neighbourhoods are built. This is where children experience a sense of community. This is where it becomes clear whether a growing borough truly has its residents’ everyday lives at heart.

Pankow is growing. As a result, the need for good play and exercise areas is also growing. Our guiding principle is inclusion. Every child should be able to find a safe, clean and well-equipped playground within easy reach. That is why we are campaigning for better funding for playground refurbishments – even beyond existing programmes. Priority is given to places with high usage pressure, a lack of alternative spaces and particular needs. More accessible play and sports equipment ensures that children with and without disabilities can play together. We also want to promote intergenerational activities.

Well-maintained green spaces require clear lines of responsibility. Cleaning services provided by Berliner Stadtreinigung (BSR) should be extended to further parks and playgrounds. We will repair minor damage quickly, where possible without having to close off the entire area. Where play equipment is no longer safe, swift action must be taken – pragmatically, transparently and in the interests of families. To achieve this, the district office needs sufficient staff, resources and a strong operational structure.

Safety is a matter of freedom, particularly for children, women, older people and families. Lighting in playgrounds, green spaces and on key thoroughfares must be provided wherever it enhances safety. We want to carry out regular checks in areas where people feel unsafe: at railway stations, underpasses, footpaths,

parks and playgrounds. Drug dealing, littering, vandalism and breaches of youth protection laws must not be tolerated in our parks. The Public Order Office and the police must be present where there are specific problems.

At the same time, we want to strengthen the social and environmental functions of urban green spaces. In recent years, many additional benches have been installed in Pankow and have been welcomed by the local community. For us, these small resting spots are important anchors in the town: they offer views, serve as meeting places and provide a chance to catch one's breath. We are committed to their preservation and upkeep. A liveable Pankow, where people enjoy spending time, also includes Christmas trees and other seasonal plantings in public spaces.

Allotments, school gardens and urban gardening bring people together and give the public practical access to nature, food and a sense of responsibility. Street trees, flower beds, wildflower areas and shaded school playgrounds improve the local climate and create habitats for insects. In densely built-up neighbourhoods in particular, shade, green spaces and water features make an important contribution to health and quality of life.

Pankow should be a borough where children enjoy playing outdoors, families feel at home and people of all generations find their place – from Mauerpark to Buch, from Weisser See to Karow, from Bürgerpark to the Mauerweg.

For a school that recognises every child

Every child is unique. This conviction guides our political work in the city. Children come with different talents, family backgrounds and starting points. A good school takes these differences seriously: it nurtures talents, provides support when difficulties arise and gives every child the chance to find their own path.

Education is the most important promise of social mobility, and educational equity begins early. Those who have a firm command of the German language have better prospects at school and in life. That is why we advocate early language assessments and compulsory support where a need is identified. Good preparation for school strengthens language skills, concentration, independence and social confidence. In primary schools in particular, reading, writing, arithmetic and language development must be reliably supported.

Pankow is growing, and our educational infrastructure must grow with it. New neighbourhoods must be planned from the outset to include school places, and existing sites must be further developed to meet actual demand. In this regard, the CDU Pankow attaches great importance to the diversity of Pankow's school landscape, comprising state, independent and denominational schools.

Good learning environments require good buildings. We are committed to the construction of new schools, school refurbishment, the implementation of accessibility measures and maintenance. In recent years, a great many school construction projects have been completed. To continue along this path, there must be sufficient building construction staff working in the borough, and standards and the acceleration of projects must be implemented pragmatically.

For us, modern schools are not just about new builds, but also about maintaining our existing stock. To this end, we are campaigning for the necessary resources and continuing to implement tried-and-tested measures to improve cleanliness – including in school toilets. Children and young people spend a great deal of time on school grounds, so school playgrounds – as places for recreation and learning – should be green, shaded and welcoming spaces. School gardens, play areas and good maintenance create space for health, socialising and hands-on learning.

Strong schools need strong teachers. Too few teachers mean too many cancelled lessons. That is why we are committed to ensuring there are more fully qualified teachers, reliable subject-specific teaching in core subjects and good support for those changing careers or entering the profession from other fields. Artificial intelligence and new learning tools should be assessed responsibly where they help with practising, supporting pupils, translating or organising. They do not replace teachers; good technology enhances good teaching. The CDU Berlin is committed to providing an excellent education in the core subjects. For us, clear career guidance, pupil exchanges, education for democracy and projects aimed at instilling values are also important, so that pupils can broaden their horizons from an early age. In this way, we empower children, ease the burden on families and promote social cohesion throughout Pankow.

Children must be able to travel to school and nursery safely and independently. In recent years, we have invested heavily in school route plans, safe crossings, extended pavements, interactive displays, ‘footprint’ markings, checks and no-stopping zones. We are continuing these initiatives to protect our youngest residents.

For integration that creates opportunities

Pankow is a borough where people from very different backgrounds live together: families who have been rooted here for generations, immigrants seeking a new home here, and people with a migration background who have long been helping to shape our neighbourhoods, schools, businesses, clubs and communities. This diversity can be a strength. For it to foster harmonious coexistence, a common foundation is needed: respect, clear rules, shared values and the German language.

Our Christian view of humanity dictates that every person deserves fair opportunities and the encouragement to make the most of them. Integration must not reduce people to their origins. It must empower them to settle in, learn German, find work, take on responsibility and become part of our democratic society. For us, it is clear: integration is not a one-way street. Anyone who wishes to live here permanently should receive support – and know what we expect: respect for the law, our democratic values and equality between men and women.

That is why we in the CDU Pankow focus on a balance of support and expectations. We are strengthening practical German language courses, language support alongside work, faster pathways to apprenticeships, work placements and employment, as well as swift recognition procedures for qualifications and professional skills. We are focusing our support more on skills, needs and impact – not primarily on origin or background. Above all, we support projects that combine language training, vocational qualifications, access to the labour market, the development of values and helping people to help themselves.

Integration works best at a local level – in schools, workplaces, clubs, neighbourhoods and sport. That is why we are improving links between local initiatives, schools, sports clubs, accommodation providers, the business community and the local administration. We intend to make even more active use of the Integration Advisory Board and the Integration Committee of the District Council (BVV), and also to appoint a dedicated point of contact within the district association. We are strengthening sports clubs as a driving force for integration, because they offer a direct experience of rules, fairness, team spirit and achievement.

Our goal is a Pankow where one's background does not determine one's future, but where language, achievement, responsibility, integration and cohesion open up new opportunities – from Prenzlauer Berg to Buch.

For a Pankow that brings together culture, further education and research

Pankow is a borough of knowledge, culture and innovation. With the Berlin-Buch Campus, the Gläsernes Labor, the Weißensee Academy of Art Berlin, the Ernst Busch Academy of Dramatic Arts with its BAT Studio Theatre, the Berlin University of the Humanities and Bard College Berlin, our borough boasts strong examples of excellence in research, the arts, social work, international education and entrepreneurship.

Alongside these major centres of art and education, Pankow is enriched by numerous small venues where people meet, learn, read, make music, reminisce and help shape their neighbourhoods.

For us, culture is more than just events. It fosters a sense of community, provides direction and makes a sense of home tangible – from Prenzlauer Berg to Buch, in the inner-city neighbourhoods as well as on the outskirts. Pankow is characterised by its numerous small venues.

Libraries, adult education centres and music schools are indispensable in this regard. They open up educational opportunities, create spaces to linger in and support people through all stages of life. Today, libraries are far more than just places to borrow books. They are places of learning, reading rooms, meeting places and quiet workspaces for all generations. Adult education centres and music schools open up opportunities for personal development – through language, music, further education and cultural participation. That is why we want to strengthen these institutions, safeguard their locations and further develop their programmes.

History, too, has a visible place in everyday life. Monuments, architectural art and places of remembrance should be clearly labelled and explained. Anyone walking through Pankow should be able to recognise the stories told by our squares, buildings and works of art. When naming new streets, greater consideration should be given to established local connections, historical field names and Jewish life.

For vibrant town twinning schemes

Many residents of Pankow have personal connections across Europe and around the world: through family, friendships, school, sport, culture, travel or helping people in need. Town twinning turns these connections into more than just an official plaque. It brings people together, builds trust and makes peace, understanding and solidarity a tangible part of everyday life.

Our twinning arrangements with Kołobrzeg (Kolberg) in Poland, Ashkelon in Israel and Rivne in Ukraine are on display at the village green in Alt-Pankow and in Pankow Town Hall. For us, one thing is clear: these partnerships must not merely be administered. They must be actively nurtured. We therefore want to strengthen the work of the twinning associations, expand exchanges between schools, youth groups, sports and cultural clubs, and senior citizens, and secure additional funding for this at state, federal and European level.

Understanding begins with language. That is why we are committed to ensuring that the Pankow Adult Education Centre examines the language and cultural programmes offered by our twin towns and makes them available where there is demand. New international partnerships should primarily be established with

towns in countries whose languages are taught at secondary schools in Pankow. In this way, foreign language teaching, exchange projects, study visits and digital school partnerships can be meaningfully integrated.

Pankow is also part of the greater Berlin region. In the north in particular, the Heidekrautbahn railway line connects our borough more closely with Brandenburg. We therefore wish to explore and establish additional partnerships with communities along the Heidekrautbahn line, provided these are actively supported by schools, clubs, senior citizens, the business community, cultural organisations and civic engagement.

For a resilient democracy, social cohesion and responsibility

Pankow has many places that demonstrate just how precious freedom and democracy are: Stolpersteine in our streets, local memorial sites, three Jewish cemeteries in Weißensee, and places of remembrance marking dictatorship, division and peaceful renewal. This history places an obligation on us. Anyone who wishes to protect democracy must explain it, make it visible and live it out in everyday life.

We are therefore strengthening democratic education, local memorial sites and a culture of remembrance that instils a sense of responsibility. Public buildings should not only be reliably flown with flags on constitutional, commemorative and public holidays. We want to mark days of remembrance with dignity in the borough and link them more closely with schools, clubs, churches, religious communities and initiatives.

Jewish life is part of Pankow and part of Berlin. We stand alongside our Jewish community and work to make Jewish life in the borough visible and safe. We view Europe and our town twinning arrangements as symbols of peace, reconciliation and understanding. The partnership with Ashkelon holds particular significance in this regard. It links remembrance with responsibility – and Pankow with Israel. In this way, Pankow stands for a democracy that is resilient, for remembrance that unites, and for responsibility that is tangible in everyday life.

Respect for those who bear responsibility

Many people in Pankow experience every day just how important a reliable state is: when the fire brigade arrives, the ambulance service provides help, the police maintain a visible presence, the Federal Agency for Technical Relief is deployed, or the German Armed Forces stand up for our security. Those who serve our country and our city deserve respect, support and visible recognition. For us, this also includes a fitting celebration of Veterans' Day and the cultivation of our partnership with the Guard Battalion at the Federal Ministry of Defence.

We want service to be given greater recognition at the heart of our society. That is why we are committed to organising regular engagement initiatives in Pankow: information days at schools, discussions with emergency services personnel, visits to service stations, collaboration with the youth fire brigade, the Federal Agency for Technical Relief's youth section and aid organisations, as well as public events in the neighbourhoods. In this way, we foster respect for our emergency services, strengthen voluntary work and show young people concrete ways to support others and our country.

For sport, volunteering and clubs that bring Pankow together

Pankow thrives on people who take responsibility: in sports clubs, the volunteer fire brigade, aid organisations, neighbourhoods, initiatives and many small local projects. They coach children, organise competitions, keep communities together, help in emergencies and provide young people with support, guidance and role models. This commitment is not merely an addition to politics, but a cornerstone of our borough.

For us, one thing is clear: anyone who stands up for others deserves respect, reliable support and less red tape. Sport and voluntary work foster a sense of community. They bring together different generations, backgrounds, life paths and neighbourhoods – from Prenzlauer Berg to Buch, from Weißensee to Blankenburg. That is why we strengthen clubs, secure spaces and ensure that good ideas do not fail because of red tape, a lack of facilities or unclear responsibilities. We support club and neighbourhood festivals.

Pankow's sports development planning is a key priority for the CDU Pankow. School sports, club sports and individual sports need clear priorities, reliable facilities and regular updates. Sports facilities are part of the infrastructure of our education system and our local community. The construction, refurbishment and maintenance of sports pitches, sports halls and exercise areas must therefore be given greater planning and financial attention. This applies particularly where Pankow is growing and new neighbourhoods are emerging.

We want to preserve and further develop existing sports and exercise facilities. This includes the sensible redevelopment of the plateau at the Velodrom and the swimming and diving hall in the Europasportpark. We are supporting the redevelopment of the Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn-Sportpark with the aim of integrating club sports, grassroots sports, individual sports and inclusive sports, whilst at the same time taking the legitimate concerns of local residents seriously. The swimming pool on Wolfshagener Straße, the Weißensee lido, the Kissingen sports ground, the Röländer Straße sports ground and the basketball court on Brennerberg also deserve a realistic plan for refurbishment, accessibility and use by people of all ages.

More sport requires transparency and low-threshold access. We want to optimise the digital booking system for hall and sports ground slots. Unallocated slots must be easier to use, without clubs losing their legitimate entitlements. We are exploring additional winter sports and exercise programmes in sports halls where capacity, supervision, school use and club needs align. Blanket promises are of no help; robust, locally tailored solutions are. Volunteering needs spaces. That is why we are committed to ensuring that existing venues for sport, culture, small businesses and community engagement are not displaced without due consideration. Such spaces are vital for vibrant neighbourhoods.

At the same time, we are making volunteering more accessible. We want to raise the profile of existing structures such as the Pankow Volunteer Agency, improve their networking and enhance them digitally. We do not need new, duplicative state structures. What matters is that people find out quickly where they are needed, and that clubs receive support with recruiting young people, project funding, donations, sponsorships and partnerships.

In this way, we are strengthening sport and volunteering as a force for community cohesion: down-to-earth, reliable and close to the people. For a Pankow that sticks together.

For a reliable district administration with less bureaucracy

Pankow is large, diverse and continues to grow. From Prenzlauer Berg to Buch, from Rosenthal to Weißensee, residents rightly expect the administration to operate reliably, provide clear information and make decisions in a transparent manner. A well-functioning borough is evident not only in major projects, but in everyday life: when booking an appointment at the council offices, applying for an ID card, registering a business, claiming family-related benefits, dealing with the registry office or simply seeking information.

The CDU Pankow takes a people-centred approach to public administration. Matters such as moving house, identity documents, business affairs, registry office services or family-related benefits must be simple, straightforward and, where possible, handled under one roof. Much has been achieved in recent years in the area of citizen services: appointments are available much more quickly, Pankow has opened another citizens' service centre in the north, and many services can be carried out online. We are consistently continuing along this path towards digital citizen services.

Digital services should provide real relief — for citizens as well as for staff at the district office. Where face-to-face advice is necessary, it must remain reliably available. Families, older people, carers, the self-employed and those with more complex issues, in particular, need an administration that remains accessible,

explains matters clearly and does not refer people from one department to another.

Artificial intelligence helps to make public administration faster and more modern. It can pre-sort standard cases, make the status of applications visible, check documents and relieve staff of routine tasks. For us, it is clear that data protection, the rule of law and human responsibility remain indispensable in this process. Artificial intelligence should not dehumanise decision-making, but rather create scope – so that staff have more time for advice, review and difficult individual cases. This also creates attractive, modern jobs within the administration.

We want to press ahead swiftly with practical, service-oriented measures to ease the workload: with a reminder service for citizen services, 24/7 accessible document boxes for collecting completed paperwork, and digital resident parking permits.

Out of a sense of responsibility for the borough, we are managing our finances in a results-oriented, strategic and transparent manner. Every euro must be spent where it brings the greatest benefit to the people of Pankow. To this end, we are systematically reviewing the need for and benefits of contractors working in the borough. The momentum generated by the administrative reform must be consistently implemented: clear responsibilities, less red tape, faster procedures and an administration that takes responsibility. The agreed principle of 'connexity' must be strictly adhered to: whoever assigns new tasks to the boroughs must also ensure sufficient funding, staffing and clear responsibilities.

Sound finances require effective administration. That is why the CDU Pankow is tackling the reduction of bureaucracy in the borough with courage and determination. Genuine relief can only be achieved if procedures are actually put to the test. We want to examine, for example, whether every temporary permit is necessary, whether every piece of evidence needs to be resubmitted, and whether existing processes can be made more digital, simpler and easier to understand. Anything that no longer serves a purpose will be scrapped. Recurring reports with no practical value, duplicate enquiries and unnecessary formal requirements must be eliminated. Where decisions at state or federal level are required to achieve genuine simplification, we will advocate for them.

Our aim is a borough that operates more quickly, more simply and more reliably — for families, businesses, clubs, volunteers and everyone who lives, works or wants to set up a business in Pankow.

For Alt-Pankow: a strong Pankow centre – well-connected, vibrant and steeped in history

Between the Pankow S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations at Garbátyplatz and the Wollankstraße S-Bahn station, Pankow reveals its full diversity: The Dorfanger with its church, the vibrant Florakiez neighbourhood, the Bürgerpark, the town hall, Schönhausen Palace with its park and the Homeyerviertel are prime examples of how established residential neighbourhoods, historic sites and green spaces can coexist harmoniously.

For us, one thing is clear: Pankow does not need a transport policy driven by ideology, but rather mobility that serves the people. The S-Bahn service towards Buch, Karow and Bernau must run more reliably and with greater frequency. The planned improvements to service frequency must not remain on paper, but must be felt by passengers. We are also campaigning for the extension of the U9 via Wollankstraße to Pankow. At the same time, the proposed extension of the U2 via Niederschönhausen to Französisch Buchholz, as well as an efficient Pankow-Kirche interchange, must form part of an overall plan for northern Pankow. Trams also remain central to Pankow's town centre. The M1 must remain reliable and be further developed towards the north. We want to push ahead with the extension to Französisch Buchholz and Elisabeth-Aue; operational improvements and a stable service frequency are just as important as realistic planning.

Traffic calming begins where people live. Through traffic on Kastanienallee, in the Homeyerkiez neighbourhood and around Herthaplatz must be reduced. The traffic management plan around Pankow Church, Grabbeallee, Parkstraße and the route to Schönhausen Palace should be reviewed to eliminate confusing traffic routing, unnecessary detours and congestion in residential streets. In particularly congested neighbourhoods, we are also looking into neighbourhood car parks, for example where parking pressure and quality of life are clearly at odds with one another.

Garbátyplatz and the area around Pankow railway station deserve more attention. Clean, well-lit and clearly laid-out paths, organised cycle parking facilities, dedicated parking spaces for e-scooters, a public toilet and a better quality of life are not trivial matters, but issues of safety and respect for the people who use these areas every day. We want to look into adding another exit from the S-Bahn station towards Mühlenstraße. Legally sound options for improving local shopping facilities on Sundays in the area around the station should also be explored.

Pankow needs public spaces that are well-maintained and enjoyed by the public. The square by the Tröpfelbrunnen fountain, where children play, should be repaired and redesigned in consultation with local residents. The playground at Paracelsusplatz and the area at the junction of Wollankstraße and Kreuzstraße need a significant upgrade so that they can be used by people of all ages. In

addition, the 'wet triangle' should be made more accessible from the south, coming from Bornholmer Straße.

Our historic sites are a treasure. Pankow Town Hall is to be refurbished, the eagle is to be restored to full view, and the Ratskeller is to reopen as a restaurant. Overall, we want to boost the catering sector in Alt-Pankow and the Florakiez; a realistic solution is needed for Café Rosengarten in Bürgerpark, one that reconciles investment needs, heritage protection and the public's desire for a vibrant park.

Families, young people, clubs and schools need accessible local facilities. More leisure activities in the neighbourhoods should not just exist on paper, but should be linked to community centres, clubs, youth programmes and intergenerational meeting places. The swimming pool on Wolfshagener Straße offers opportunities for families, school swimming lessons, clubs and a pleasant environment in both summer and winter; we consider its refurbishment, including accessible swimming and leisure facilities, to be important.

When it comes to housing, we believe in moderation and balance. We welcome urban planning initiatives to fill gaps where they fit in with the surrounding area – for example, in the Pankow-Kirche area on the site of the former Kaufhalle. However, redensification must not be imposed at the expense of established neighbourhoods and their residents. Particularly in sensitive residential estates such as the Ossietzky-Höfe, a sense of proportion, public involvement and clear boundaries are needed when infrastructure, green spaces and quality of life are already under pressure.

For Blankenburg: Preserving character, creating new opportunities, supporting voluntary work

The residents of Blankenburg know best where traffic grinds to a halt, which routes are unsafe, where noise is a nuisance and what infrastructure is lacking. Our aim is development in partnership with local people, enabling freedom and participation. This applies to mobility, reliable infrastructure, protection of property and respect for established structures.

Freedom also means being able to choose between good transport options. That is why we are campaigning for better connections for Blankenburg: the U10 from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee and Blankenburg to Buch; the extension of the S75 via Malchow, Sellheimbrücke, Bucher Straße and Arkenberge to Birkenwerder; and more frequent S-Bahn services towards Bernau. To connect the southern part of Blankenburg to Heinersdorf, the tram line is to be extended. Transport hubs on Bucher Straße and in Malchow will make it easier to change and reduce commuter traffic. For everyone who enjoys cycling, we would like to create additional cycle parking facilities at Blankenburg S-Bahn station. In this way, we will promote cycling whilst also easing the burden on road traffic. For us,

there can only be one transport solution that takes all road users into account – cars, trains, buses, cyclists and pedestrians. It is crucial that mobility is practical, affordable and reliable.

Clear solutions are needed to ease car traffic. The dual junction at Blankenburger Pflasterweg must be removed. The link between Malchow and the A114 via the Schmöckpfuhlgraben and Network Element 4 of the Heinersdorf transport solution are key components. We continue to believe that a motorway junction with the A10 at Bucher and Karower Chaussee is the right course of action.

With the Kiezbus, we have taken an important step towards freedom and inclusion. It enables people with limited mobility, in particular, to get about safely and independently. For this reason, we want to expand the Kiezbus service both geographically and in terms of operating hours. We are also campaigning for the refurbishment of the pavements in Blankenburg. Safe, accessible pavements are also a matter of freedom in everyday life – for children, older people, people with disabilities and everyone who travels on foot.

The Blankenburg South development can only gain acceptance if planning is carried out honestly, transparently and with a focus on results. New homes are necessary, but they must not be built without a transport solution, without social infrastructure and without due regard for the neighbourhood. That is why our principle is: secure the transport solution first, then proceed with development. The aim is a development that is in keeping with local character. The Blankenburg recreational area must be preserved. We support the initiative to establish a housing co-operative there. There will be no tram line through the park as long as we are involved. Infrastructure policy must enable, not destroy.

A vibrant community thrives on the commitment of its residents. Volunteers in Blankenburg do indispensable work. Whether it is the Blankenburg Sports Association, the Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Protestant Parish of Berlin-Blankenburg, the Albert Schweitzer Foundation – Housing & Care, the Citizens' Association or the Blankenburg Garden and Residents' Association – they all deserve our support and better networking. We want to evaluate and expand services for senior citizens.

The Blankenburg Village Festival also makes an important contribution to the local community and a sense of togetherness. After it had been unable to take place for many years, we have succeeded in re-establishing the festival as a firm tradition in Blankenburg. We want to build on this great success for the future and continually improve the conditions for the event, for example by providing media connections on the village green.

For Blankenfelde: Growth that serves the people

Blankenfelde should remain a place where families can live well, children can grow up safely and older people can manage their daily lives independently. This is precisely the yardstick by which urban development must be measured. It is not the plans on paper that matter, but whether they benefit the local people. The development of the Elisabeth-Aue must therefore not take place without the appropriate social infrastructure. Pankow is growing – the educational infrastructure must grow with it. For us, having a secondary school site from the outset is essential. Green spaces, recreational areas and neighbourhood meeting places must also be part of the planning. We are taking up the idea of an allotment park on the Elisabeth-Aue because it demonstrates that housing, nature, recreation and community cohesion go hand in hand.

Mobility is a matter of inclusion. Those living in Blankenfelde must not be left behind – whether they have a car or not. The Heidekrautbahn, with a stop for Blankenfelde, is a key component of this. New S-Bahn stops on Bucher Straße and in Arkenberge can better connect the north of Pankow and shorten everyday journeys. At the same time, we take the impact of through traffic seriously. That is why we are committed to a traffic-friendly solution to relieve pressure towards the A114, which protects residential streets and avoids creating new problems. This also includes a southern bypass connecting Reinickendorf with the B96a.

Safe and accessible pavements are not a luxury, but a public service. Children, parents with pushchairs, people using walking frames or wheelchairs, and everyone who travels on foot need reliable routes. That is why we will press ahead with the refurbishment of pavements in Blankenfelde, make crossings safer and eliminate hazardous spots.

In this way, we are creating a form of development that does not ignore the views of local residents, but strengthens Blankenfelde – socially, reliably and with respect for the neighbourhood.

For Buch: Combining housing, nature and innovation

Buch is a special neighbourhood in the north of Pankow: a centre for healthcare and science, a place to live, a natural environment and a home for people who need reliability, peace and quiet, and good transport links. We want to preserve this strength. Growth must not overwhelm Buch. It must be guided by the character of the neighbourhood, respect nature and take infrastructure into account from the outset.

For us, it is clear: Buch needs balanced and measured development. We want to implement the Buch-Süd master plan in a moderate, tailored and sustainable manner. Along the street Am Sandhaus, we are focusing on low-impact, small-scale development. The Brunnengalerie is to be developed with a good mix of

housing, commercial premises and retail outlets, so that Buch retains strong local amenities and vibrant everyday spaces. This will breathe new life into the area without destroying the district's unique character.

Safety and order are essential for quality of life. That is why we stand by our call for a police station in Buch. A growing neighbourhood, in particular, needs a visible presence of the rule of law. The services provided by the Buch Community Centre must be preserved.

Buch must not be sidelined in terms of transport. We are campaigning for the Buch regional railway station, a reliable 10-minute service on the S2 line to Bernau, the U10 underground line from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee and Karow to Buch, and better bus connections between Buch and Französisch Buchholz. ly, the extension of the S75 via Malchow, Sellheimbrücke, Bucher Straße and Schönerlinder Straße to Birkenwerder remains an important objective for the entire north-east. For car traffic, an efficient link to the A10 motorway at Karower and Bucher Chaussee is required. The renovation of the bridge over Wiltbergstraße must be significantly accelerated and must not be closed to pedestrians.

In Buch, nature is not at odds with development, but rather part of its identity. We want to preserve and protect the Moorlinse and the facilities at the Moorwiese for children and young people. The former hospital areas 6 and 7 on Hobrechtsfelder Chaussee are to be renaturalised, not least with a view to the bird sanctuary, which covers large parts of Buch. Along the Stettin railway line, we remain committed to effective noise protection.

The air ambulance stationed at the Helios Clinic in Buch plays a vital role in saving lives. In our view, it does not make sense for the majority of flights – which inevitably cause noise pollution – to take place in the immediate vicinity. We are therefore campaigning for the procurement of an emergency doctor's response vehicle, not least to safeguard emergency medical care in the region.

For Französisch Buchholz: Enabling development, preserving freedom, prioritising infrastructure

Französisch Buchholz embodies what makes Pankow strong: personal responsibility, home ownership, families, nature, skilled trades, local businesses and established neighbourhoods. For this district to retain its strengths, it needs neither paternalism nor planning on the drawing board, but clear framework conditions, swift procedures and respect for local residents. Development must be possible, but it needs rules. At Elisabeth-Aue, the Alte Schäferei and Ludwig-Quidde-Straße, we are committed to sustainable development on an appropriate scale. Infrastructure comes first: secondary schools, nurseries, footpaths, public transport, sewerage, green spaces and local amenities must be planned for from

the outset. The local authority must not act as a brake; it must facilitate progress. An integrated master plan for Französisch Buchholz should provide planning certainty – for residents, property owners, investors and the borough.

However, we are convinced that we must improve the infrastructure now by finally connecting all households in Französisch Buchholz to the sewerage network. Furthermore, we want to speed up the construction of the secondary school on Rosenthaler Weg.

Freedom also means being able to get about. People should be able to decide for themselves how they travel. That is why we do not pit cars, bicycles, buses, trams, S-Bahn and U-Bahn against one another. For Buchholz, this means: a transport hub on Bucher Straße, better bus connections to Buch and Karow, safe cycle paths between Karow and Buchholz, less through traffic and greater road safety. The U2 should be extended to Französisch Buchholz, and the S75 extension via Malchow, Bucher Straße and Schönerlinder Straße, as well as the link between tram line 50 and the M1, must be thoroughly re-examined.

Economic development is also key to a strong neighbourhood. We want to drive forward the industrial estate on Bucher Straße and connect it with modern infrastructure. A potential professional fire station would enhance safety and operational capacity in the growing northern area. At the same time, Buchholz finally needs solutions for noise protection along the A114 and for the construction of the missing crash barriers.

We want to consistently curb unauthorised uses in the Arkenberge area and ensure the area's development proceeds in an orderly manner. This also involves resolving conflicts over land use fairly.

We want to protect the Karower Teiche through effective visitor management and well-organised parking facilities. Nature conservation and development are not mutually exclusive. Anyone planning new roads, new homes and new commercial spaces must protect green spaces, nature reserves and the town centre. This will create a Französisch Buchholz that fosters freedom, respects property rights, improves mobility and combines growth with responsibility.

For Heinersdorf: preserving established structures, managing traffic

Heinersdorf is a long-established district with its own character. Between the town centre, residential areas, the railway station and major arterial roads, many residents experience first-hand every day how traffic, congestion and noise are a strain on their quality of life. Those who call this place home rightly expect that development should not take place without consulting the local community, but rather with moderation, order and consideration.

For the CDU Pankow, one thing is clear: Heinersdorf must not become merely a thoroughfare. Traffic must be managed in such a way as to relieve pressure on residential streets, the town centre and neighbourhoods. In doing so, we remain committed to an effective transport solution for the north-east. The small tangential link connecting the Malchow bypass with the A114 via the Schmöckpfuhlgraben is a key component for us. We want to push ahead with elements 1, 2 and 4 of the Heinersdorf transport solution in such a way that they relieve pressure on Heinersdorf, Buch, Karow and Blankenburg without creating new burdens for established residential areas in Heinersdorf or the Blankenburg site.

Improved public transport is just as important. The unacceptable traffic congestion cannot be resolved by road measures alone. We are therefore campaigning for more frequent services on the M2 to Heinersdorf and aim to significantly improve public transport links. At the Pankow-Heinersdorf S-Bahn station, the park-and-ride car park should be fitted with electric charging points to make changing transport easier and more sustainable. We call for the swift implementation of the extension of tram line 12 from Pasedagplatz to the Pankow S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations.

We take noise, traffic congestion and emissions control seriously. The interests of Heinersdorf's residents must be taken into account as a matter of course in all planning. In this way, we will ease the burden, safeguard quality of life and preserve the character of a neighbourhood that must be understood, not merely administered.

For Karow: considerate growth, safe routes and strong neighbourhoods

Karow is a neighbourhood that has developed organically, with its own distinct character. Many people choose to live here deliberately: it is quieter than the city centre, family-friendly, green and has a strong sense of community. That is exactly what we want to preserve. Growth must not overwhelm Karow. New residential areas, increased traffic and major infrastructure projects must be designed in such a way that the neighbourhood remains a pleasant place to live and retains its established structure. For us, moderate, context-sensitive development and the creation of transport infrastructure before housing construction begins are essential.

Quick and safe routes within Karow and into Karow are essential. That is why we are continuing our efforts to ensure accessible footpaths. For us, this includes a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Blankenburger Chaussee and Beuthener Straße. Through traffic on Straße 73, Bahnhofstraße, Alt-Karow and Schrägen Weg must be reduced. However, Karow must not become a diversion route for unresolved traffic problems; we therefore oppose a through road between

Bahnhofstraße and the B2. The link to the A10 is important for Karow. However, it should be via Bucher and Karower Chaussee.

We aim to improve connections to Karow through more frequent S-Bahn services to Bernau and Buch, the extension of the S75 via Sellheimbrücke, Bucher Straße and Schönerlinder Straße to Birkenwerder, and improved bus services via routes 150, 158 and 350. To this end, we also want to push ahead with a direct bus and cycle path link between Karow and Französisch Buchholz. Ultimately, the U10 from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee and Karow to Buch is a major project for the future of the whole of northern Pankow. Regardless of this, we are campaigning for the refurbishment of Karow S-Bahn station.

Quality of life is not created by an endless stream of new programmes, but by reliable implementation. Noise protection along the Stettiner Bahn, well-maintained green spaces, sufficient litter bins and better street cleaning – ideally with greater involvement of the Berliner Stadtreinigung (BSR) – are practical improvements that people notice straight away. For us, this also includes ensuring that all households in Karow are connected to the sewerage network.

Playgrounds, football pitches and sports facilities must not only be built, but also maintained in the long term. We want to safeguard the improvements that have already been made in Karow. This requires staff, clear lines of responsibility and funding for maintenance.

For Niederschönhausen: preserving history, managing traffic, ensuring quality of life

is a neighbourhood with a distinctive character. Schönhausen Palace, the palace park, Majakowskiring, established residential streets and green retreats all shape a part of Pankow's history that is significant far beyond the borough's boundaries. We want to preserve this established identity whilst at the same time carefully developing further. A sense of home thrives when it is nurtured, made visible and protected from being overwhelmed.

For us, one thing is clear: Niederschönhausen must not become a thoroughfare, but must remain a place to live, a cultural hub and a meeting place. That is why we are committed to reducing through traffic in residential areas – particularly around Platanenstraße. Through traffic from lorries at Herthaplatz must also be significantly restricted. We want to review the traffic management around Pankow Church, Grabbeallee, Parkstraße and Schönhausen Palace to avoid unnecessary detours and diversionary traffic. Where roads remain damaged following roadworks, repairs must be carried out more quickly; potential claims for compensation against those responsible must be thoroughly investigated. Good residential neighbourhoods also need shopping facilities. We want to look into reintroducing the weekly market in Niederschönhausen.

Niederschönhausen needs a transport solution that suits the northern part of Pankow. Güllweg should become a good cycle route in Niederschönhausen. The prospect of an extension of the U2 line via Niederschönhausen to Französisch Buchholz and on towards Karow must be secured. At the same time, we support the extension of the M1 line northwards and better connections to Französisch Buchholz and the Elisabeth-Aue. Where short-term promises regarding service frequencies are not reliable, we focus on honest, achievable improvements: better connections, park-and-ride facilities, car-sharing and a smart integration of public transport, cars, cycling and walking.

Schönhausen Palace, the palace park and Majakowskiring deserve more attention. Together with the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg, the State of Berlin, the BVG and local stakeholders, we want to examine how their historical visibility can be improved – for example, through better signage, integration into the tourist experience, a visitor centre with a café in suitable existing buildings, and a fresh review of the possibility of naming a stop ‘Schloss Schönhausen’. We also want to preserve and revitalise the catering facilities in the Palace Park, but with a viable funding and operational model.

The former Niederschönhausen tram depot is to be reactivated. We want to look into the possibility of a weekly market in Niederschönhausen, because local provision of goods and social interaction go hand in hand. The woodland playground on the Schönholzer Heide is to be brought back into use.

It is also a priority for the CDU Pankow that Niederschönhausen should be a centre for research and education. The campus of the Berlin School of Humanities, the Berlin Centre for Historical Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Bard College Berlin demonstrate just how diverse academia and higher education are in Pankow.

For Pankow-South: a neighbourhood that works

Pankow-Süd is characterised by short distances between the Kissingenviertel, the Neumannviertel, the Tiroler Viertel and the residential streets around Mühlenstraße. Families, senior citizens, commuters, business owners, sports clubs and many people who value their neighbourhood because it is urban yet offers tranquillity live here. This is precisely why Pankow-Süd needs development that is measured and balanced.

The Pankow S-Bahn and U-Bahn station is one of the most important gateways to the borough. Its surroundings must be made cleaner, brighter, safer and better organised. At Garbátyplatz, we are campaigning for a more pleasant environment, well-lit paths, organised bicycle and e-scooter parking areas, a

public toilet and reliable local amenities. The possibility of a supermarket in the station area opening on Sundays, in accordance with the law, should be examined. At the same time, we are pressing for the swift continuation of planning for the U9 line from Osloer Straße via Wollankstraße to Pankow. Furthermore, we are actively pursuing the extension of the U2 northwards via Pankow-Kirche and Ossietzkyplatz. Pankow station is to be further strengthened by an efficient tram link from Pasedagplatz to the Pankow S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations.

For us, orderly traffic means taking all road users seriously. We are supporting the construction of the cycle path along Neumannstraße in a constructive manner, but residents' concerns about parking spaces must not be brushed aside. That is why we want to improve the parking situation for local residents. To this end, we are taking firm action against the misuse of public road space – particularly in the case of permanently parked motorhomes, boats, lorries and event vehicles on Arnold-Zweig-Straße. For the entire Neumannviertel district, we want to explore the option of resident-only car parks on existing parking spaces. Pankow-Süd must also be well served by public transport, even on a small scale. That is why we want to look into better connections to Mühlenstraße, the Tiroler Viertel and Thulestraße.

Squares, paths and sports areas also shape our neighbourhood. Kissingenplatz and the town square dedicated to town twinning partnerships need a clear design concept: more maintenance, better lighting, seating and a dignified appearance. The footpaths along Eschengraben towards Prenzlauer Allee must be restored. At the Kissingen sports ground and the basketball court on Brennerberg, we want to renew sports and exercise facilities and make them accessible to all generations.

Pankow-Süd needs progress without displacement. The former Otis site on Mühlenstraße should be developed with care to ensure that small businesses, craft trades, patient transport services, and sports and cultural facilities do not disappear from the town centre. We want to further develop the area between Dolomitenstraße and Trienter Straße to make it a more pleasant place to spend time – but without completely restricting traffic and without losing numerous parking spaces.

We oppose further accommodation for refugees in Pankow-Süd, particularly on Elsa-Brändström-Straße. Humanity requires order, fair distribution and an infrastructure capable of supporting integration.

Greater attention must also be paid to Berliner Straße between Bornholmer Straße and the Vinetastraße underground station. Vacant properties and unused spaces must not become a permanent feature along this important axis between Prenzlauer Berg and Pankow. The site of the Willner Brewery demonstrates how successful “urban development can be: with respect for the existing built

environment, featuring new homes, commercial premises, cultural facilities and vibrant ground-floor spaces. These are precisely the kinds of projects we want to support. In this pivotal area between Prenzlauer Berg and Pankow, we need more development to create good-quality housing, new jobs, small businesses, trades, services and a vibrant local retail scene. To achieve this, we are bringing together property owners, the district council, the business development agency and local residents; we are speeding up procedures and prioritising utilisation over vacancy. In this way, Berliner Straße will once again become more of what it can be: a vibrant link between two strong Pankow neighbourhoods. In this way, we are ensuring that Pankow-Süd remains vibrant, protects its established structures and does not gloss over problems, but solves them.

For Prenzlauer Berg: creating open spaces and organising mobility fairly

Prenzlauer Berg stands for freedom in everyday life: short distances, vibrant neighbourhoods, independent businesses, culture, restaurants, parks, sport and diverse ways of living together. This freedom requires a government that enables rather than patronises – and that acts where rules, safety and a functioning infrastructure are needed. Our guiding principle is clear: opportunities rather than bans, pragmatism rather than ideology, fair solutions rather than one-sided policies.

Mobility in Prenzlauer Berg must not be approached on an ‘either/or’ basis. Whether you’re travelling on foot, by bike, by car or by public transport, your concerns are just as valid as those of tradespeople, delivery vehicles and local residents. That is why these needs must be balanced pragmatically, without ignoring the fact that many streets in Prenzlauer Berg also serve as vital links to the north of Pankow and the wider city centre. Individual measures must fit in with our transport strategy and be weighed up fairly at a local level. We reject the ideological view that every bollard and every neighbourhood block is a good thing; traffic management and traffic calming must be considered holistically. We must not allow the burden to be simply shifted from one neighbourhood to another. In doing so, alternative transport options and emergency access routes must always be kept in mind.

Public transport needs reliable prospects. The tram route along Kniprodestraße/Michelangelostraße and the connection to the Blumenviertel remain part of Pankow’s transport plan. We want to ensure that a long-term connection to the U10 is included in the planning. At the same time, sufficient parking spaces, technology-neutral charging infrastructure and smart traffic management during major events around the Max-Schmeling-Halle and the Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn-Sportpark remain essential. We support the 17th construction phase of the A100 to Storkower Straße as a contribution to improved traffic management and reliable connections for north-east Berlin.

A vibrant city needs strong high streets. Schönhauser Allee, its side streets and the many small businesses in the neighbourhood thrive on entrepreneurial spirit, customer focus and private initiative. Business owners, residents and property owners must be involved at an early stage in the Schönhauser Allee Bridge construction project. Vacancies must not be tolerated: local consultations, engagement with property owners, temporary uses, business development and high street management should work together more effectively. We support businesses that are compatible with the park where they enliven the neighbourhood and show consideration for local residents.

Open spaces such as Mauerpark are part of Prenzlauer Berg's DNA. This includes barbecuing in the park at designated spots during permitted times. However, Mauerpark must not be allowed to fall into disrepair at the expense of local residents. That is why clear park rules, reliable cleaning, mediation, time-restricted usage regulations where necessary, and a visible presence of law enforcement officers in the park and the surrounding area are needed. We are committed to ensuring that the catering and retail sectors coexist harmoniously with the desire for peace and relaxation.

Clean public spaces, effective pest control and clearly defined responsibilities are not trivial matters, but essential prerequisites for people to enjoy using public spaces. Our city squares, such as Arnimplatz, Kollwitzplatz, Helmholtzplatz and Humannplatz, are popular meeting places for both residents and visitors.

We want to further develop green spaces and sports facilities, but without over-regulating them. The Volkspark Prenzlauer Berg, Blankensteinpark, Anton-Saefkow-Park and the allotment gardens at the Volkspark should be maintained and preserved. We welcome the renovation of the Mühlenpromenade between Greifswalder Straße and Kniprodestraße. Dog owners, families, sports enthusiasts and those seeking relaxation need clear, fair rules.

In our view, the plateau of the Velodrom and the swimming and diving hall at the Europasportpark (SSE), the Werneuchener Wiese and the Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn-Sportpark also offer opportunities for modern sports, leisure and social infrastructure. Public involvement is important, but must not lead to a permanent standstill.

Urban development must open up opportunities. Michelangelostraße requires careful development with infrastructure – including consideration of a further site for a fire station – right from the start. We want to develop the former SEZ site into a vibrant place. The refurbishment of the Kniprodestraße bridge over the Ringbahn must be taken forward. We are confident that construction work can begin promptly. The process must be carefully coordinated to ensure that several Ringbahn bridges are not closed at the same time. Furthermore,

diversions must be planned with foresight, and alternative routes through residential streets must be prevented.

In this way, Prenzlauer Berg will remain a place of freedom – orderly, vibrant and open to new ideas.

For Rosenthal: Strengthening community spirit, fostering connections, managing traffic

Rosenthal thrives on people who take responsibility for one another: in families, clubs, neighbourhoods and through voluntary work. This sense of community is a strength that deserves political support. It is particularly on the outskirts of the city that it becomes clear whether politicians truly understand people's everyday lives. That is why the new citizens' centre in Rosenthal sends an important signal.

We want to continue developing Rosenthal in a way that is socially inclusive, reliable and fair to all generations. At the site at Hauptstraße 136, we aim to strengthen neighbourhood ties, support for older people and community life. A neighbourhood, senior citizens' and community centre will provide space for advice, socialising, volunteering and support in everyday life. This will help older people, ease the burden on families and give community groups a reliable base.

Nor do we want to leave the derelict site on the Anger to its own devices. The historic townscape should be developed with a sense of proportion and the involvement of local residents, ensuring a high quality of life for those who spend time there.

Mobility must not be approached ideologically. Rosenthal needs both better roads and better public transport links. Closing the gap in the tram line between Französisch Buchholz and Rosenthal remains a priority. The extension to Elisabeth-Aue is a step in the right direction, but in our view it is not the end of the planning process. The M1 and Line 50 must be better connected in the long term. On Quickborner Straße, we want to intelligently link the tram, bus and Heidekrautbahn. Bus connections to the S-Bahn should be considered where they deliver genuine time savings and do not simply create new detours.

The main road in Rosenthal needs to be repaired. We want to reduce the impact of through lorry traffic and examine suitable measures. Where damage can be attributed to those responsible, the district must consistently pursue its claims.

The secondary school site on Friedrich-Engels-Straße should be realised.

For the Malchow suburban estate: not a transit estate, but a charming village within the metropolis

The Malchow suburb embodies what makes Pankow's outskirts so strong: established neighbourhoods, proximity to nature, and people who take responsibility for their surroundings. This character deserves protection. At the same time, living on the outskirts must not mean being cut off. Those who live here need reliable routes and good transport links.

The Malchow suburban settlement must be better connected to public transport. That is why we are committed to securing the long-term planning for the U10 line from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee, the Malchow suburban settlement and Karow to Buch, and to driving this forward consistently. At the same time, we support the extension of the S75 from Wartenberg via Malchow, Sellheimbrücke and Bucher Straße towards Birkenwerder. In addition, we need easily accessible transport hubs with bus and train connections, secure cycle parking facilities and reliable interchange options.

We want to further improve road safety. The junctions on Ortnitstraße must be made safer. Compliance with right-of-way rules and the 30 km/h speed limits must be rigorously enforced. We have already achieved significant improvements with the additional signage and the new pavement on Malchower Straße. We want to build on this, as further measures remain necessary.

The existing conservation regulations should be carefully developed further. They must preserve the character of this suburban neighbourhood whilst also enabling contemporary energy-efficiency refurbishments and modern technical solutions. Climate protection and the preservation of the local character need not be at odds with one another.

For Weißensee: vibrant, urban and well-connected

Weißensee is a district with its own history, a strong character and a high quality of life: with the Weißen See, the lido, the Komponistenviertel, the Berliner Allee, Antonplatz, Pistoriusstraße, Mirbachplatz and the weißensee kunsthochschule berlin. Here, housing, commerce, culture, education, green spaces and the neighbourhood come together in a compact area, shaping the character of the district. It is precisely this mix that we want to preserve and strengthen.

However, many people experience first-hand every day that Weißensee is under pressure. Berliner Allee is an important transport artery, shopping street and gateway all in one. It must function effectively, but must not be merely a thoroughfare. That is why we want to enhance it as a vibrant high street: with better public spaces, well-organised pavements, improved maintenance of green spaces and safe cycle routes in the immediate vicinity. In doing so, we aim to

combine safety with pragmatism. The aim is to effectively link existing cycle paths and close any gaps. A prime example of this is Bizetstraße, which is to be connected to the Weißen See and existing cycle paths via a potential overpass or underpass. Cycling on pavements must not become a permanent solution. Pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, public transport users and commercial traffic all need their own space.

Unfortunately, the high street scene along Berliner Allee still warrants our attention. Particularly between Antonplatz and Wehlener Straße, we want to improve networking amongst business owners, raise the profile of local offerings and, in collaboration with the district's business development agency, explore how additional tree planting, seasonal lighting and a better-maintained streetscape can enhance the quality of the public space. Vibrant high streets are not created by top-down directives, but by favourable conditions, reliable order and people who get stuck in locally.

For the whole of Weißensee, we want even better connections to public transport. Planning for the U10 line from Alexanderplatz via Weißensee, the Malchow and Karow suburbs to Buch must be taken forward. We also remain committed to the tram link from Pasedagplatz to the Pankow S-Bahn and U-Bahn station, in order to significantly improve the east-west connection.

A lack of transport links and the densification of residential areas are exacerbating the already strained parking situation. Better links to public transport and attractive interchange options are key measures for reducing commuter traffic and easing parking pressure. Furthermore, where necessary, we intend to examine parking management options with an open mind, whilst giving particular consideration to the interests of local residents.

Pistoriusstraße and Mirbachplatz also need a clear vision for the future. Simply implementing traffic-calming measures does not go far enough. When upgrading Pistoriusstraße, safe cycle paths, improved public spaces, bus routing and public transport links in the area around the hospital and Schönstraße must be considered together. At Mirbachplatz, we are focusing on pragmatic solutions that organise traffic, create safe crossings and enhance the southern part of the square as a place for people to spend time.

In the Komponistenviertel, we do not want to tackle through traffic with buzzwords, but rather reduce it through effective and verifiable measures. What really helps local residents is what matters most: less rat-running, greater safety and a quieter living environment, without creating new problems elsewhere.

The Weiße See, the Orankesee and the Faule See are important recreational areas for Weißensee and the whole of Pankow. They shape the quality of life in the district and should be preserved and further developed as a coherent green and recreational space. That is why we want to improve the existing footpaths

between the lakes – in particular the condition of the footpath on Wegenerstraße and the crossing at Berliner Allee/Wegenerstraße.

Weißer See, with its park, is also a landmark of the district and therefore deserves special protection. In recent years, we have already implemented important measures to preserve the green spaces and prevent the lake from drying up. These include both smaller measures, such as raising awareness of the need to treat the park with respect through appropriate signage, and larger projects such as the creation of the Benjes hedge, which protects the lakeshore, promotes renaturation and prevents unauthorised swimming. The fountain in the Weißer See is also a distinctive feature; its preservation and recommissioning are a visible sign of our appreciation for our public space.

To enhance the quality of life in the neighbourhood, the issue of cleanliness is a key priority. Rubbish carelessly discarded on the streets or bulky waste thoughtlessly left out is not only a major nuisance but also attracts pests. We have already taken important measures to address this and will consistently enforce them and expand them even further. At regular neighbourhood collection days, local residents have the opportunity to dispose of their bulky waste nearby and free of charge. We aim to identify problem areas by freeing up the necessary staff resources; those who litter will face higher fines as we increase the penalties. It must no longer be worthwhile to dispose of one's own rubbish in a way that harms the common good.

Weißensee is particularly popular with families. Comparatively low rents, plenty of green spaces and proximity to the city centre are just a few of the notable advantages. Unfortunately, in the past it was not always possible to offer every child a school place in the immediate vicinity. There was a massive shortage of school places, particularly in Weißensee and across Pankow, which we have already managed to tackle successfully in recent years. We have achieved this primarily through the construction of new schools as part of the school-building initiative. We must not cut corners when it comes to our children's education.

Community spirit needs places to thrive. A community centre on Pistoriusstraße is not enough for the whole of Weißensee. That is why we are campaigning for more spaces and activities that bring together the neighbourhood, clubs, families, older people, adults and young people. Weißensee thrives on culture, community engagement, education and social interaction. We want to better connect these strengths – with local residents, initiatives, businesses, schools, social organisations and the Weißensee Art Academy Berlin.

Recreational sport is key to community cohesion in the district and makes an important contribution to our society. By further developing the sports facilities at the Buschallee Stadium and Rennbahnstraße, we aim not only to maintain the existing range of sporting activities but also to ensure they are available all year round, whatever the weather.

In addition, we aim to make it possible to expand the existing range of sporting activities. Community sport thrives on voluntary work and the commitment of many individual helpers who are willing to give up their free time. This deserves not only special thanks, but also support where necessary.

This is how we preserve our Weißensee, ensuring it remains well-connected, safe, green, vibrant and community-minded – with heart, passion and common sense.

For Wilhelmsruh: better transport links, less pollution, more freedom in everyday life

Wilhelmsruh needs policies that enable rather than obstruct. That is why we are committed to pragmatic solutions for Wilhelmsruh. Housing development at Wilhelmsruher Tor can succeed if the planning is honest and realistic. Odour and pollution problems must not be swept under the carpet, but must be resolved locally. Anyone seeking new housing must also take into account transport, infrastructure, the neighbourhood and local businesses. This is not a hindrance, but a prerequisite for sustainable, successful development.

Wilhelmsruh also needs a clear vision for the Flottenstraße area. Businesses need planning certainty, and residents must be protected from avoidable nuisances. Where disruptive uses would be better suited to appropriate commercial sites such as Bucher Straße, we want to facilitate relocations – fairly, reliably and without jeopardising economic viability. Good economic policy creates solutions rather than divisions.

Mobility must not be approached ideologically. We want to reduce through traffic on residential streets without simply shifting it to the next street. This requires intelligent traffic management, safe crossings, better traffic light control and a strengthening of public transport. The reactivation of the main line of the Heidekrautbahn and the expansion of infrastructure at Wilhelmsruh station will create genuine freedom of choice: those with a good rail connection need fewer restrictions and fewer bans.

Bus services must also be practical. A better connection via Kastanienallee to the Wilhelmsruh S-Bahn station should be considered, but only if it does not unnecessarily prolong journey times. A service is only good if it is actually used.

Wilhelmsruh also needs strong local anchors: a permanently secured grammar school site, well-maintained paths along the Mauerweg and in the adjacent green spaces, and a vibrant town centre with local amenities and a pleasant atmosphere, particularly at and around Schmuckplatz. We are delighted that Wilhelmsruher See has been restored to its natural state, and we are now protecting the new facility. In this way, we are strengthening freedom,

responsibility and quality of life – for a Wilhelmsruh that is not merely managed, but actively developed.