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CANDIDATE **Ralph Atkinson**
CONSTITUENCY **Croydon Central**
PARTY **UK Independence Party**

- Q. FIXED-TERM PARLIAMENTS...** Do you agree with fixed-term parliaments or do you oppose them? **I do support fixed-terms**
- Q. FREE VOTES...** Do you think that there should be fewer, more or roughly the same number of free votes (votes not subject to party whip) in Parliament? **I would like considerably more free votes**
- Q. VOTING SYSTEM...** Do you think that the present voting system for Westminster elections should be maintained or should the voting system be reformed? **I support reform of the voting system (single transferable vote)**
- Q. OPEN PRIMARIES...** Do you agree with open primaries for candidate selection or do you oppose them? **I support open primaries**
- Q. VOTING AGE...** Do you think that the voting age should remain at 18 or should it be lowered to 16? **I believe the voting age should remain at 18**
- Q. RECALLING MPS...** Are you open to the idea of having a mechanism whereby constituents can vote on the recall of their MP in instances of "serious wrongdoing" or do you oppose having such a mechanism to recall MPs? **I am open to the idea of having a mechanism to recall MPs**
- Q. HOUSE OF LORDS...** What is your view on the composition of the House of Lords/second chamber? **I support a House of Lords/second chamber with the majority of members being elected, but with some additional expert appointees**
- Q. OTHER REFORMS...** Please list other reforms/changes/measures that you believe would improve democracy/politics. **The Californian recall system; the Swiss bottom up referendum; MPs to be forbidden to employ relatives; subsidised meals and bars abolished and for those with constituencies outside London, second homes to be replaced with a standard Westminster Council flat**