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CANDIDATE Adam Carew

CONSTITUENCY East Hampshire

PARTY Liberal Democrats

Q. FIXED-TERM PARLIAMENTS... Do you agree with fixed-term parliaments or do you oppose them?

I support fixed-terms (of five years)

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 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, but would settle for alternative vote plus)

Q. OPEN PRIMARIES... Do you agree with open primaries for candidate selection or do you oppose them?

I am undecided (we need more info on how this US idea could work in the UK system)

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 be lowered to 16

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 (it's my party's policy and I support it strongly)

Q. HOUSE OF LORDS... What is your view on the composition of the House of Lords/second chamber?

I support a fully elected House of Lords/second chamber (but I am not adverse to a unicameral legislative if STV elections for it were guaranteed)

Q. OTHER REFORMS... Please list other reforms/changes/measures that you believe would improve democracy/politics.

Written constitution and bill of rights.
Decentralisation of power to local level.
Capped funding of political parties. Removal of the PM's right to create peers and pick people to become ministers. Reform of EU and vote on membership. Restriction of the Civil List to the Monarch and immediate family.