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CANDIDATE Evan Harris

CONSTITUENCY Oxford West and Abingdon

PARTY Liberal Democrats

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

I 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 do not support open primaries (because STV would combine the open primary with the election as voters choose between candidates of the same party!)

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

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

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

Reform of parliament to ensure that the House itself - not the Government - decides the agenda and better scrutinises legislation