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CANDIDATE **Rebecca Rennison**

CONSTITUENCY **South West Wiltshire**

PARTY **Labour**

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 am undecided**

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 am undecided (PLEASE SEE EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PAGE TWO)**

Q. OPEN PRIMARIES... Do you agree with open primaries for candidate selection or do you oppose them? **I do not 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 am undecided (PLEASE SEE EXPLANATORY NOTE ON PAGE TWO)**

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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES FROM CANDIDATE

VOTING SYSTEM

I would like a more representative system but I believe in the importance of maintaining the constituency link for MPs. I would like to see the House of Lords fully elected on a regional PR basis to provide greater opportunity for smaller parties and also to ensure that everyone is represented either in the Commons or in the second chamber by someone who shares their political views. However, I also believe that it is important for voters to be clear about who to contact and who to hold accountable, which is why I feel the constituency link is important for the House of Commons.

VOTING AGE

I believe that what is most important is that a young person's first experience of voting is a meaningful one but I am undecided on whether that is achieved through their first vote being once they are at work, paying taxes etc or whilst they are in school and receiving encouragement/support to vote from teachers...