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CANDIDATE **Theo Butt Philip**

CONSTITUENCY **Bridgwater and West Somerset**

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 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 (as they are very expensive and under STV would be unnecessary)**

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. **A written constitution to define and limit the power of the Government and make Parliament more independent**