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**CANDIDATE**      **Simon Burgess**  
**CONSTITUENCY**   **Brighton Kemptown**  
**PARTY**            **Labour and Co-operative**

**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 (alternative vote plus or alternative vote)

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

I do not support open primaries but I do support primaries with defined electorates

**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 House of Lords/second chamber with the majority of members being elected, but with some additional appointees

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