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**CANDIDATE**      **Mike Popham**

**CONSTITUENCY**   **Bristol East**

**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 (proportional representation)**

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

**Q. OTHER REFORMS...** Please list other reforms/changes/measures that you believe would improve democracy/politics.      **More money to be retained by Councils so that there is greater freedom to support local needs properly**