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think differently
vote differently

Dear Voter

I have to confess I am fed up with party politics. The point scoring and empty promises have made me over the years a serial spoiler of my ballot paper: I wanted to show that I was interested in politics but not in what they were promising or in their petty squabbling.

This time however I am doing something different, rather than spoiling my ballot paper I have chosen to put my name on it. I am doing so because the narrow confines of the political debate are not addressing the really important problems that need working on:

- *climate change*
- *rebalancing the economy*
- *long term funding for education and health*
- *providing genuinely affordable housing for our key workers and young families*
- *tackling the growing disparity between the richest and poorest*
- *providing effective public transport*

Of course a lot of these are national issues which is why I am also standing for parliament, however they also have major implications at a local level. You may know me from my campaigning over Sandleford or as a governor at St Barts, but there is so much more that I want to and I believe I can do for the district some of which I have stated overleaf. But the main thing I want is to give you a genuine choice on the ballot paper.

This election is important and can be used to send a message to the parties that enough is enough. As such I hope you will take the time to turn out and vote on May 7th and that when you do you will think about where to put your x. If you want things to change then you need to vote differently or, if it is your first time, to use your vote where you think it will make a difference

Thank you for taking the time to read this.



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Why vote for the same old?

Party politics has consistently failed to produce good government with billions of pounds squandered on failed IT projects, over priced and over run procurement programmes and the pursuit of individual ministers' vanity projects. Your current conservative representatives vote according to what their party tells them even if it is not in the best interests of their constituents:

- Adrian Edwards and Howard Bairstow both voted to build 2,000 homes on Sandleford, even though there was no infrastructure plan behind the decision, because they were told to.
- Richard Benyon voted for a budget, that included subsidies for the oil industry and provisions for fracking, because he was told to.

The Apolitical Pledge

The Apolitical movement is an umbrella for a group of independently minded individuals who pledge to vote only after giving the proposal in front of them proper scrutiny and deliberation and according to their consciences and the interests of the community they serve.

My Local Priorities

OUR VULNERABLE CITIZENS - I will work to reverse the cuts to elderly day-care centres and to the front line services to our most vulnerable and deprived.

SANDLEFORD - if both elected to the Falkland Ward I will work with David Marsh of the Green Party to reverse the selection of Sandleford for 2,000 homes and instead prioritise the development of brownfield sites. Where this is not possible I will work to ensure the schools, health services, transport links and social and leisure amenities are in place to support a development of this size. I will oppose any attempt to make Warren Road an all vehicular access point into the estate.

SANDLEFORD PARK - I will work to ensure that this public amenity is delivered in a timely manner to be managed by the people of Wash Common. I will work so that there is access to wide areas of the park including the River Enborne while protecting as far as possible the larger areas of ancient woodland.

A339 - I will work towards establishing an Eastern Link Road to alleviate the pressure on our main route to town and to take lorries and their pollution away from the town centre.

SOUTH NEWBURY - I will work to ensure that our side of town is not a wasteland and that the Market St re-development not only provides a suitable gateway to the town with integrated transport links, but is used to revitalise Cheap St, the Kennet Centre and Bartholomew St.

LONDON ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - I will work to make this a vibrant residential area with genuinely affordable housing for our key workers. But I will work in conjunction with the current occupiers to ensure that the employers remain in the town, and that Newbury FC can continue to play and serve our children in the town.