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Dear Mrs Warnock

Thank you for your letter regarding the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road. Should you have seen the UKIP Scotland Party Political Broadcast on the 12 April you would have heard me state UKIP Scotland's view on planning matters such as this. Under UKIP government petitioners delivering a petition to government would trigger a referendum which allows the People to decide on important matters. My husband who is lead candidate for the region is enclosing a UKIP Scotland manifesto for you to look at. We at UKIP are about getting out of the European Union which we believe is strangling Britain. The EU controls almost every part of our lives and through time we believe would outlaw protests such as yours. UKIP believes in true democracy which allows the people of Britain more say in important decisions that affect people such as hospital closures, building new schools and regarding your own situation planning matters.

I hope that I have helped answer your question. Should you require more information please do not hesitate to call my husband on his mobile which is switched on from early morning to late evening. No: 07765678058

Yours sincerely Kathleen Desmond

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Dear Sheona

Thank you for your letter dated 20th April. Regarding your request for my opinion on the current route of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road I feel it is best replied through being direct. You are obviously in dispute regarding this issue therefore; I have enclosed a UKIP Scotland manifesto for your perusal. Look carefully at section 2 which you will find to your liking. Our policies are based on that of the most democratic country in Europe if not the world 'Switzerland'. We believe in true honest democracy where the people have more input in decision making both locally and nationally. Should you come to a UKIP council or government with a petition regarding your objections you would get a referendum. Should the referendum go through in your favour there would be a review of the proposed route i.e. Its back to the drawing board for the planners.

I hope this clarifies UKIP Scotland's position however, should you like to discuss this further please contact me on my mobile number.

Kind regards Matthew Desmond

Lead Candidate UKIP Scotland, North East

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UK Independence Party Scotland

Partaidh Neo-eisimeileach an Rìoghachd Aonaichte ann an Alba

Manifesto: Scottish Parliament and Local Elections 3 May 2007

SACK THE MSPs, RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND LEAVE THE EU

Dear Voter,

Whatever way you use your first vote in the Scottish Parliament elections - to back a person or a party - please use your regional vote to shake up Scottish politics and send the Government a message. Vote UKIPScotland to Sack the MSPs, Restore Democracy and Leave the EU. And in the local elections, back referendums and a 40% cut in Council Tax.

Government in Scotland, and in the United Kingdom as a whole, is becoming more and more remote from the electorate. Local councils do what they are told by the EU and 70% of our laws, which should be made by our elected UK government, come from Brussels.

Unlike all the old political parties, the UK Independence Party Scotland believes in real democracy at all levels. We want Britain out of the European Union so we can govern ourselves, and we want re-empowered local authorities. And, while we fully respect the Scottish identity and the Scottish nation, we also believe in preserving the United Kingdom - the nations of the UK work better together than they would apart.

There is no place in this scheme for the 129 Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) - an additional and wasteful layer of government. But we recognise the wish of the Scottish people to have a Scottish Parliament, so we will keep the Parliament but replace MSPs with underemployed Scottish Westminster MPs.

Key policies

1. Sack all 129 Members of the Scottish Parliament and replace them with MPs.

Most Scots agree devolution has been disappointing and expensive. Scotland has 59 members of the British parliament (MPs), 129 MSPs, 7 MEPs and 1000s of councillors. Scotland doesn't need all these costly politicians.

Our policy is to have the British Westminster parliament meet for three weeks out of four to debate law that applies to the whole of Britain. Then, in the fourth week, the 59 Scottish MPs come home to attend to Scottish-only business in the Scottish Parliament - with the Welsh and Northern Irish doing similarly, and English MPs staying in Westminster to debate law that only applies to England in an 'English Parliament'.

We will sack all 129 MSPs and replace them with our Westminster MPs, sitting in Edinburgh on Scottish matters. This will solve the 'West Lothian' question, and streamline the Scottish Parliament, with the potential to save millions of pounds each year.

2. Restore local democracy, with direct votes and more local control over finances.

Today, local councils rely on government funding and obey government orders rather than looking after the interests of their local communities. They now raise only 25% of monies locally. It's no wonder that so few people turn out to vote at local elections. UKIPScotland believes in restoring local democracy and freeing local government from central government interference. UKIPScotland offers meaningful local 'independence' which does not just swap British democracy for Brussels bureaucracy, as the SNP propose.

First, we would provide for local referendums on any major local issue. Once a petitioner obtains enough signatures from local voters in a national, regional council or community area, a democratic vote must be held and its result would be binding.

Second, we would give local councils majority control over their finances by letting them keep local business rates and by replacing the EU-imposed VAT with a Local Sales Tax. This would enable them to assist small businesses with fairer business rates that reflect local conditions. Local businesses would receive a vote.

Finally, local authorities and councils must be made more accountable to the voters by staging more open meetings and adopting more visible decision-making processes.

UKIPScotland will cut council tax by 40%, taking it back to where it was 10 years ago.

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