Answers to VGS supplementary questions, Paul Quickenden

I am not keen on Devolution, just more layers of government and red tape.

I am in favour of public transport and would push to reinstate bus routs.

The specific problem of holiday homes: I would not be in favour of legislation as this does not allow choice. I would be in favour of an increase in council tax on holiday homes and the money used for local housing.

I would wait to see the outcome of the green wedge review before making further comment.

Hospice and other care services need to have a funding increase, this would feed into our policy on the NHS, making the NHS more efficient saving money and using this on social care further reduces pressure on NHS budgets.

As part of our NHS reform procuring more staff, by targeted migration and training of our own people to fill the gaps in staff shortfalls as well as using the private sector, this would still be free at point of use to all UK citizens.

Economic stimulation is at the core of our policy, using our freedoms from the EU to encourage SMEs to thrive. This would increase employment opportunities particularly for the young, alongside encouraging partnerships to give employers the skilled staff they need.

Housing for the young is a big part of our policy. One of biggest problem our country has faced is mass migration, 10 million since 2010, reducing the numbers will give house builders time to catch up so supply can meet demand. Without reducing demand housing will remain unaffordable.

I would welcome working with the local council on the subject of cycling and walking routes, this would need to be part of the wider planning strategy.

I can only say to this I am a man of principle and would do everything in my power to fight for what I believe in.

I have to say that I am in favour of voter ID, especially given the large numbers of people in the UK who do not have a permanent right to remain, it is the norm in most of Europe. As to general constitution change, yes it should have cross party support.

HS2 should never have happened it was a massive white elephant, given the amount of money already spent. It should be terminated as soon as possible and connected up to the existing network at the nearest point to where it is now, or possibly Birmingham depending on the funding needed to get it to that point.

Please read our contract with the people on the Reform website <u>www.reformuk.com</u> I think you will find we are very different to the other parties.

We are in favour of our Farming community producing our food in a sustainable manner. Given the correct level of funding our land managers would be able to support wildlife as well as giving us food security. I would also favour targeted wildlife sanctuaries and managed populations such as the number of deer, and grey squirrels need to be controlled to protect trees.

Education across the board needs sufficient funding. At Reform we see this as vital and we intend giving tax breaks for those wishing to use the private sector, freeing up funding at the state level as well as an overall increase in state funding.

At Reform our focus is on the British people first, reducing our national debt and bringing the country's finances under control, enabling spending where it is most needed.

I touched on this subject earlier, but in short the NHS and social care needs root and branch reform to give people the care they need, free at the point of use. If social care is improved freeing up large numbers of beds the cost of the NHS is reduced, this would be achieved by using the private sector

and managerial and structural change in the NHS giving a great deal more choice to front-line staff.

The answer to the tax and spending can be found in our contract with the people, and yes HMRC should be available by phone.

SMEs are at the heart of what reform stands for and we absolutely support them, our aim is to make sure they thrive thus enabling them to pay a living wage without struggling; along with providing good quality jobs, particularly to the young.

Assisted dying is a difficult subject, I am in favour of some form of this, however there comes with it much danger of abuse, and extremely strict checks and balances need to be brought in and tested before implementation. With regular reviews and inspections of control measures to prevent abuse.

Please read our contract with the people we are different, this is why I stood up to be counted.

We are in favour of reducing the tax burden particularly on working people, by creating a good vibrant economy where small business thrives. We intend creating opportunity for well paid jobs empowering people to earn well and keep the money in their pockets. This is not to say that there will not always be a need for a social safety net, but this should not be the norm as it has become under the Conservatives.

Reform has pledged to leave the ECHR as it is no longer fit for purpose, instead we would have a British bill of human rights as our law which would protect the rights we hold dear while removing interference of a foreign court as you say driven by an unelected elite in EU.

Again you will find this in our Contract with the people, but increases in defence spending are amongst our priorities, no one wants to go to war but if you are not properly prepared it actually increases the chance of this happening especially given Putin's aggression in Ukraine. Thankfully we had left the EU and were able to offer Ukraine military assistance in a timely manner which I believe prevented Putin marching through Ukraine and onto Poland.

It is my opinion there can be no peace in Gaza until Hamas actually want peace, they still have intentions to continue attacking Israel. I am in full support of a two state solution and would support any negotiations to achieve this goal. In the interim pressure should be applied to Israel to allow humanitarian aide to taken into Gaza.

I am a firm believer in trading with our neighbours, however Mr Macron is no great friend of the UK but I see his time as limited. Other Countries within the EU are also starting to see the EU for what it is, and with any luck we can go back to something like the common market.

I am in favour of some foreign aid, however we have been sending money to India and China both of which have space programs. This is not where our money should be going especially given the dire state of our own finances as highlighted in previous questions.

I am but one man my dream is for our country to be a good place for our citizens to live and work and prosper, where there is hope and bright future for our children. I can only hope the rest of the world feels the same way.

Reform are against the transgender ideology being taught in school, children should be allowed to grow up without worrying about such things. Most people do not know what they want to be until they have got out in the world, your views change with age. I am not against transgender people; if an adult feels they are not comfortable then they are an informed adult and can make that decision, but they should fund their own transition this is not something the NHS should be paying for.

I would vote against the whip I am my own man and am not in this to make a career out of it.

I would most definitely want to stop water companies dumping sewage, and firmly believe that heavy fines should be imposed not on the company but on the shareholders, any attempt to pass on investment to customers without first taking the money from profit should also be penalised.

I would always vote on what I say.