

Debates good for democracy

A letter to the Herald, December 2009

Sir,

I am delighted that the party leaders, Sky, the BBC and ITV have reached agreement on a series of leaders' debates before the general election. Having the party leaders debate each other for an extended period live on television will be good for our democracy. Hopefully it can help to re-engage people and politicians.

I hope we can also replicate this locally. I would welcome more opportunities for open public debates with East Hampshire's Labour and Lib Dem candidates, and I hope that they would too.

Yours

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