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Re: Hampshire County Council elections, May 2026

Dear Nick,

I am incredibly concerned by the statement by the Secretary of State today, announcing that the government will consider requests to delay the County Council elections once again.

As you know, my Liberal Democrat colleagues and I opposed the stitch-up between the Conservative Hampshire County Council and the Labour government to delay these elections last year.

To delay these elections again would be an insult to the electors of Hampshire.

Democracy delayed is democracy denied. The idea that County Councillors could receive a two-year extension to their terms completely undermines fundamental democratic principles.

Will you immediately confirm that Hampshire County Council election will go ahead in May 2026, and that you will not ask the government to delay them further?

Yours sincerely

Dr Danny Chambers MP