

## 2017 Steyning Election Hustings Debate: Questions Asked

“The Greening Group in Steyning is feeling disillusioned. The last government signed up to the Paris Climate Commitments. Yet within a year it had slashed solar subsidies, put a brake on onshore wind farms, abandoned the Green Deal, and dismantled the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Which party should we trust most on green issues this time around?”

*From: Maggie Hall*

“In 2013, Mr. Herbert labeled those of us at Balcombe as "deluded anti-democrats" for exercising our democratic, lawful right to peaceful protest. Does he still feel that way and do the other candidates agree that tackling climate change and moving away from extreme fossil fuels is neither "deluded" nor "anti-democratic", and would they agree that what is anti-democratic are Tory plans to continue stripping elected councils of the right to determine fracking applications and to allow all other drilling to take place without having to gain planning permission.”

*From: Martin Dale*

I believe the Conservatives have changed their plan about how to fund social care. What does this now mean and how do other parties plan to solve this crisis in rising care costs with an increasingly ageing population?”

*From: Fay Bishop*

“We have a National Health Service. Should we have a National Care Service? If so, how should it be funded?”

*From: Mark Appleton*

“I think staffing in the NHS should be a focus. Many young people are choosing to be nurses, like myself, however, access to the profession is made increasingly difficult by limited spaces and introduction of tuition fees. Your thoughts please?”

*From: Millie Aiton (Steyning Grammar student)*

“The Conservatives want to cut immigration to the ‘tens of thousands’. My question is what does this mean for international students (who make up a large percentage of immigrants) and how are the university funds they provide going to be compensated for?”

*From: Ella Canton (Steyning Grammar student)*

“Should remainers now just accept that Brexit is happening and let the Conservatives get on with it as they see fit?”

*From: Wendy Breese*

“Our schools are suffering from a funding crisis with huge and growing class sizes and cuts to support for pupils and cuts in staffing numbers. What will you do to ensure fairer funding for our schools in Sussex?”

*From: Jane Mote*

“What is your opinion on May’s approach to increase the amount of Grammar Schools in the UK?”

*From: Thomas North (Steyning Grammar student)*

“How are you going to tackle this lack of affordable housing in this area?”

*From: Charlotte Henwood (former Steyning Grammar student)*

“What is your view on lowering the voting age to 16?”

*From: Olivia Walton (Steyning Grammar student)*

“Why should we trust what’s in your manifesto and that you will deliver on what you promise?”

*From: David Randall*