

# NICK HARVEY

FEDERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

**Experience • independence • common sense**



## Political track record

- Chief Executive of the European Movement (UK) since 2023
- MP for North Devon 1992-2015 elected five times
- Only Liberal / Lib Dem Defence Minister since World War 2
- Principal Lib Dem spokesperson in Parliament at various times on:
  - Defence
  - Culture Media Sport
  - Health
  - Constitution
  - Trade & Industry
  - Transport
- Party experience at all levels from ward organiser to CEO
- Chief Executive of the party during Vince's leadership 2017-19
- Paddy's Chair of Federal Campaigns & Communications Committee 1994-99
- Federal Executive / Board 11 years
- Regional executive (London) 3 years
- Constituency organiser, executive member, PPC and MP
- Ward organiser, agent, and candidate
- Since Parliament:
  - Overseas development for UK, EU, UN
  - Company director and charity trustee
  - Ex Chair, Rowntree Reform Trust
  - Member: Amnesty, Greenpeace, FOE

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Dear friends,

Liberal democracy is under attack in a way few of us have seen in our lifetime. In Britain, Europe and America, the far right now threatens everything we value. Trump drives a coach and horses through the US constitution, while Musk promotes neo-fascist candidates. Tommy Robinson effortlessly turns out a six-figure crowd on London streets.

The Labour Government, having inherited a shambles from its Tory predecessor, resembles a rabbit frozen in the headlights.

Lib Dems must now step boldly into the battle, confront the far right and provide radical solutions to Britain's woes and stupor:

- Effective security means working more closely with Europe
- Economic recovery needs us back in Europe's single market
- Climate change can only be tackled together with Europe
- Migration can only be managed in conjunction with Europe

Serving on the FPC, I could offer subject matter expertise in:

- Defence and security, as a former defence minister
- Europe, as chief executive of the European Movement
- Rural communities, having represented them for 23 years

The experience I would bring to bear includes:

- A political lifetime spent puncturing 'group think'
- Presenting our policies on TV and in debate with opponents
- Selling our policies on the doorstep in marginal communities

Our policy platform must be developed in concert with our political strategy. Please give me your first preference for FPC, to contribute hard-headed, practical and open-minded thinking to our debates.

All best wishes – Nick

## What the papers say:

Cerebral and sane – *Jonathan Freedland, Guardian*

Clever, inscrutable and deep – *Matthew Parris, Times*

Self-deprecating but highly popular – *George Parker, FT*

Shrewdly sensible and independent-minded – *Roth's Profiles*

A bright strategist and debater – *Marie Woolf, Independent*

A shrewd political tactician, privately he is a witty and lively man  
– *Robert Shrimsley, Telegraph*

These are not, of course, endorsements of me standing for FPC...  
I'm sure none of them will have ever heard of it !

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