

## TOWN CLOSE BLP Motion

Norwich CLP notes that under the “First Past the Post” (FPTP) voting system:

- The UK is frequently led by Right Wing governments elected on a minority of the popular vote, despite larger numbers of people voting for left of centre parties. In the General Election of 2019, whilst the Conservatives won 43% of the votes cast, this translated to 56% of the seats in the House of Commons.
- Many people know their vote won't count, and have no incentive to vote at all.
- Many feel forced to vote tactically for a party they do not support, in the hope that their vote will be effective.

We believe that:

- the FPTP voting system is unfit for purpose, and is stacked against the interests of less affluent people and communities.
- We call upon the Labour Party to reject FPTP and to support the introduction of a form of proportional representation at all levels of government, to ensure that all votes count equally and in which the allocation of seats reflects the votes cast.
- We call upon the Justice and Home Affairs Policy Commission of the National Policy Forum to consult the party membership about their views on proportional representation, including systems that retain the constituency link, in the next cycle of policy documents.
- We resolve to affiliate to the Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform (LCER).