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Hopkins seeks backing for immediate General Election

Kris Hopkins, the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Keighley and Ilkley, has encouraged local residents to join him in signing a petition calling for an immediate General Election to allow voters to pass their verdict on MPs' behaviour in the wake of the expenses scandal.

The petition, launched today by Conservative Leader David Cameron, can be accessed at www.signforchange.com

Kris commented:

“The row over MPs' expense claims from all parties is unprecedented and has brought our political system to the brink of paralysis.

“As well as the complete reform of the expenses system, the only way to move matters on is for all MPs to face voters in their constituency in an immediate General Election.

“Whilst the petition has been launched by the Conservative Party, I hope it will attract the support of Keighley and Ilkley residents across the political divide.

“It is in the interests of all voters for this harrowing episode in our democratic history to be put behind us.

“By asking the Queen to agree to a dissolution of Parliament and a General Election, Gordon Brown can provide the opportunity to rebuild trust in our extremely tarnished political system.

“I hope he can summon the moral courage to do so.”

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