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### **Hopkins continues criticism of national ID cards**

Keighley and Ilkley Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate Kris Hopkins has again criticised the Government's national identity card scheme on the day the first prototype cards - to be issued to foreign nationals – were formally unveiled.

“The ID card scheme has been estimated to cost more than £5.6 billion and represents an enormous waste of public money, particularly at a time when resources are so scarce,” he commented.

“The scheme is also regarded by experts as essentially unworkable and of limited benefit in the fight against global terrorism.

“The Government's decision to formally launch national ID cards by initially targeting foreign nationals is simply a shallow exercise aimed at injecting momentum into a scheme that no-one wants and certainly no-one wants to pay for.

“It is reassuring to know that an incoming Conservative Government is committed to scrapping this ill-advised project.

“This is a decision that will be widely welcomed and cannot come a moment too soon.”

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