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### Hopkins defends Conservative Leader Cameron

Bradford Council Leader Kris Hopkins has mounted a strong defence of David Cameron, describing the Conservative Leader's treatment by the media in recent weeks as "completely unjustified and unfair."

Cllr Hopkins, who is also the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Keighley, continued:

"The Conservative Party has now been in Opposition for more than ten years, but it is only since David became Leader that the country - particularly in the North - has begun to take us seriously as a genuine alternative to this awful Labour Government.

"As David himself has said, elections are always won on the centre ground and I believe that is exactly where we should be as we prepare for the next General Election.

"The Labour Party is clearly conscious of the success of our policy review and is constantly seeking to steal our clothes.

"Only this week, Gordon Brown completed his latest raid on the Cameron policy cupboard by running off with our proposal for a border police force.

"He has been preparing his 'first 100 days in office' for many years now and, so far, his succession of announcements has been a mixture of failed Labour ideas from the past, coupled with a number of much better suggestions dreamt up by the Conservative Party and rebadged as his own.

"The British public are not easily fooled, particularly by Mr Brown who robbed them of their pensions and crippled their NHS during his years as Chancellor.

"He has also been at the heart of every wrong decision this Government has taken over the last ten years including taking our troops to war in Iraq. Despite trying to distance himself from the Blair era, this reality will not be easily forgotten.

"Come the autumn, when Mr Brown's honeymoon period inevitably comes to an end, I believe David Cameron will have regained the momentum required to carry us to victory at the next General Election.

"In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to welcome him to Yorkshire where he is a very frequent and warmly received visitor."

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