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 Candidate on May 22nd
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Dear Mr Stephen Norman

I'm running to be your local Labour councillor in the Council elections this May. I'm writing now to tell you a bit more about me and my campaign and to ask that you make sure you use your vote on 22nd May.

I've lived and worked in this area all my adult life, spending much of my working life on the docks in Avonmouth. I've also been a councillor before, serving local people for 18 years. I did retire but I've decided I can't watch from the sidelines any longer. I want to use my knowledge of this community and how the Council works to get the best deal for this area. I'm standing to be your local Labour councillor because I want to stand up for local people.

More and more of the people I meet here are telling me about the growing pressure they are under as the cost of essentials like food, fuel and rent continues to rise. The squeeze on household budgets is affecting almost everybody: families spending more and more of the money they earn on childcare costs they *have* to pay in order to work; students hit with higher tuition fees and decades of loan repayments as soon as they start earning a wage; elderly people struggling to make the pension they rely on stretch as far as it used to.

There are now three foodbanks open in North Bristol and one of the main factors forcing people to rely on food handouts is the escalating price of gas and electricity. Heating the home isn't something people, especially elderly people, can or should be expected to sacrifice, so Labour is pressing the Government to take action and freeze energy prices now. I am also working with local residents and the Labour team—including Darren Jones, who is running to be your local Labour MP at the next General Election—to push for more affordable, healthy food on our high streets.

Lots of people are also concerned about what's happening to our NHS. This Tory-led Government promised that the NHS would be their "number one priority", but since then they've put the NHS under more and more strain – cutting more than 5000 nurses, slashing funding for social care so more elderly and vulnerable people have to rely on the NHS instead, and imposing a £3billion reorganisation that professional health bodies didn't want. The result has been a growing crisis in A&E, with major A&E units missing their waiting-time target in four out of every five weeks last year – the worst result for a decade.

Working to protect the local health services people rely on and helping to ease the pressure on household budgets—these are my priorities and Labour's priorities.

If you want a hardworking local councillor who will stand up for this community, please make sure you use your vote for Labour on 22nd May. If it would be easier for you to vote by post, please complete the slip below and return it for free to: **Bristol Labour Party, Freepost RSKB-JKYC-BERT, Bristol BS10 5NJ.**

Yours sincerely,

John Bees
 Running to be your local Labour councillor on 22nd May

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I will vote for John in the election this May (please tick) **I would like to speak to John—please can John call me?** (please tick)

I would like to vote by post (please tick) **I would like to help on John's campaign** (please tick)

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