

No	Category	Overview of idea	Full text	Date submitted	Supported by
1	Natural Environment	Requirement for a strategic policy for climate change from all local authorities	Climate change and stabilisation - Climate change is an overriding issue of such great importance for which leadership is required of all public bodies and others. We would like to see a requirement by Government that all local authorities should produce a strategic policy, in partnership with other public bodies, business, voluntary organisations and Parish and Town Councils, for the development of measures to address climate change and promote climate adaptation and stabilisation through the development of a low carbon economy. Such a policy would include, amongst other issues, energy conservation, renewable energy, emission reductions, food production, housing construction, transport, and the prevention and recycling of waste.	02/03/09	Agreed by PC
2	Crime	Look after victims of crime	Look after victims of crime	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
3	Economy	Stop mass privatisation	Stop mass privatisation	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
4	Government	Ban on immigration	Ban on immigration	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
5	Government	Leave the EU	Leave the EU	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
6	Government	Create an English Parliament	Create an English Parliament	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
7	Government	Make St George's Day a bank holiday	Make St George's Day a bank holiday	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
8	Government	Encourage English traditions and abolish political correctness	Encourage English traditions and abolish political correctness	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
9	Transport	Renationalise and upgrade the railway system	Renationalise and upgrade the railway system	09/03/09	Yes, just about everyone I know
10	Natural Environment	Introduce plastic recycling collections at doorstep and introduce legislation to ensure manufacturers use renewable materials in packaging.	In the context of waste prevention and recycling, plastic packaging is one of the more frustrating materials for which limited recycling facilities exist especially for plastics numbered four and above (or not numbered at all). Furthermore, they are oil based and will therefore be less and less available as oil supplies become scarce. I would like to suggest that the Government should introduce legislation to require manufacturers and retailers to use alternative renewable materials for packaging and to restrict the use of plastic to those kinds which can be recycled in this country (and collected through doorstep collections)	12/03/09	Local residents including the Climate Friendly Community Group of Urchfont Parish Council and Paula Winchcombe of Devizes Town Council.
11	Government	Bring back Salisbury District Council	You have the cheek to ask me for my views when you have just removed the local Salisbury District Council without any mandate from the electorate. This was done in the face of opposition as a fait-accompi. Your request here is disingenuous to say the least.	14/03/09	Actually, I have yet to meet anyone outside of WCC who supports a unitary authority.
12	Cohesion	Crack down on teenage pregnancies and underage drinkers	Too many teenager pregnancies and underage drinkers. People working in shops with off license should check the ID of people who buy drinks. Raise the tax on alcohol. Decrease the benefits of teenager mums after their first child.	16/03/09	Personal idea
13	Crime	Establish an awareness campaign to take a stand for British Christian history and culture and human rights abuses.	Recent attacks on Christians over their religious rights and moral values has upset me a great deal. I am a Christian and I don't like what is going on. The recent news headlines showing what is being allowed to happen to Priests, Vicars and Bishops not agreeing to perform same sex marriages. They will face 7 years or more in prison./ That is discrimination and Christian phobia. So, I would like an awareness campaign to be put forward to be made at the prejudice of a Christian phobia society. To take a stand for British Christian history and culture and human rights abuses going on now.	16/03/09	Personal idea
14	Education	Bible Study groups to be enforced in schools.	I would like to put forward for Bible study groups to be enforced in schools. And that there should not be any changes in what the Holy Bible teaches. For all ages, including in colleges and the workplace.	16/03/09	Personal idea
15	Government	Local democracy	More decisions to be made locally. People should be given more responsibility for themselves rather than Government trying to rule people's lives.	16/03/09	Personal idea
16	Cohesion	Better press for young people	Improve stories in the media about young people, as only 8% are positive.	17/03/09	WAY, members of UKYPSW (elected members only)

17	Housing	Change rate of stamp duty to be more in line with income tax - i.e. paying the higher percentage only on the amount over the threshold.	It seems to me that rejuvenating the housing market is a key local issue, which needs addressing at a national level. I would change the rate of stamp duty to be more in line with income tax, where if you exceed a certain threshold, you pay a higher level of tax, but only on the amount above the threshold. I realise the rates themselves may need to change to make the whole thing revenue neutral to government - it's the removal of the step change in tax paid which is at the heart of my idea.	23/03/09	I often discuss this with friends and colleagues, and all agree the application of the higher tax rate on the whole purchase price acts to distort the housing market
18	Involvement	Christian prayer rooms in public buildings	I would like to put forward a request for Christian prayer rooms in hospitals, libraries, cafes, youth clubs, schools and for the London 2012 Olympics, also in Leisure Centres and in shops. This needs to be done because Muslims are allowed prayer rooms.	26/03/09	Personal idea
19	Transport	Vehicle Road Fund License to replace road tax in first three years, and be paid with MOT thereafter.	Given: Currently, you need Tax, insurance and MOT certificate for a vehicle on the road. With the current computer records and widespread popular technology, the authorities can establish if these documents are up to date from the VIN. You could save ship loads of administration costs if the excise duty for the first three years was paid when the vehicle was first registered/sold and in subsequent years the duty could be collected when the vehicle was MOT tested. An MOT certificate would not be issued without the Test Station's computer checking the vehicle was insured (as per the current system of checks to obtain a tax disc online). The general public collecting taxes is not without precedent, take vat. The cost to the public would be the same, but the revenue to the government would be increased as you would not have all the administration of the current "Tax Disc" system.	26/03/09	Everywhere - it receives unanimous support (except in Newport!).
20	Government	Help people in Africa.	Give people in Africa more water. More money for poor children. Water-hole in Africa.	27/03/09	Personal idea
21	Government	Government printers to be set to "dark grey" to save money and the environment	My suggestion is that all Council and Government computers have their default settings changed so that all documents are produced in a dark grey (similar to this document), thus ensuring ink cartridges last longer. This will save money, save the environment by not having to produce or dump so many ink cartridges, and is cost neutral as all it will require is for the computer operators to change their default settings. This should also be publicised and perhaps computer manufacturers could be requested to ensure that default settings on all new computers be set at medium/dark grey rather than black. The suggestion could also be put in any magazines etc regarding the environment.	27/03/09	Personal idea
22	Government	Military to be removed from Afghanistan	Pull out everyone who is in Afghanistan connected with Lyneham, because some of my friends' dads and mums are in the RAF. And, it is unfair that some people are dying, some at a young age.	27/03/09	With a friend
23	Government	Reduce duplication in public/voluntary sector organisational responsibility	It is only my personal opinion but there are too many organizations that do the same, it would be a good idea to get them to amalgamate, thus making a stronger voice when there is an issue. The local authority support some voluntary organizations if there were fewer, the financial support would assist more people..	27/03/09	Personal idea
24	Housing	Adaptations to affordable housing to meet mobility targets	My idea is to include adaptations to new build affordable housing at design stage to exceed the building regulations and mobility targets which in turn could save on an average cost of £16,000.00 for wet rooms on existing properties including new build homes from local authority budgets.	27/03/09	Personal idea
25	Natural Environment	Energy production to be decentralised to local level.	Topic: energy conservation and local energy generation and reducing greenhouse gases. 2/3 of the energy produced in this country is lost, partly through the waste heat produced at power stations and the remainder as the energy is transported through the national grid. Our power stations run at a 35% efficiency rate and produce 30% of our CO2 emissions. We need to move to decentralised energy production at local level, which can achieve up to 95% efficiency and half the CO2 emissions. This would make a significant contribution to achieving our target of 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; Woking City Council has reduced CO2 emissions by 77%. Then add in improved energy efficiency in all building stock and we would be well on the way to achieving the 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions well before the 2050 target date.	27/03/09	The South Wiltshire Agenda 21 submission was approved by the whole committee who represent all our membership. We currently have a membership of 27 organisations.
26	Crime	Tougher penalties for criminals	Tougher on criminals. They could sweep the streets, tidy canal, etc. Other countries do this - why are we so soft?	28/03/09	Residents Association
27	Involvement	Reintroduce National Service	Bring Back National Service	28/03/09	Residents Association

28	Natural Environment	Increase tax on chewing gum and change ingredients to make more biodegradable	Chewing gum is one of the minor banes of our life, an omnipresent and peculiarly intractable form of litter. This is why it is illegal to import the stuff into Singapore. I should like to suggest that gum is taxed at 200% and the revenue raised be devolved to local authorities for cleaning up discarded gum. I should also like to see a law passed, or an amendment to the food and drug acts banning the use of petroleum-based gums in the manufacture of chewing gum. There is a natural product which can be made into chewing gum and it is far easier to clean up because it is a naturally-occurring substance. It is also biodegradable.	30/03/09	Personal idea
29	Government	Cut all expenses paid to MPs	Cut all expenses paid to MPs, etc.	31/03/09	Personal idea
30	Housing	Cavity wall insulation grants to be made in favour of the majority, in the case of flat blocks	I live in a block of 6 flats. Four of us are over 70 yrs and are thus eligible for free cavity wall insulation. An application was made accordingly to Salisbury District Council who approved the grant. But two of the residents pulled the plug on the work going ahead, the Council having given their approval. The two residents in the flats on the middle floor don't even live here full time, having residences elsewhere; yet they are able to thwart our need for warmer, less expensive and more environmentally friendly accommodation. With a block of flats, individual flats cannot be considered separately, which I quite understand; it is a flat-block contract. So, through the action of two sets of residents, the whole project falls. I should like to see a presumption in favour of cavity wall insulation with any dissenter giving reasons in writing. Should it for instance be included in leases of blocks of flats and might it be implemented retrospectively? The two occupants of the flats mentioned above have refused to give reasons and in their action and behaviour we have had to forfeit a grant of c£1500 and warmer homes.	31/03/09	Personal idea
31	Built Environment	Planning permission to be easier	Easier ways to be granted planning permission	01/04/09	Most - I have discussed it with school friends and family
32	Cohesion	Immigration changes	No more immigration. Send back foreign criminals.	01/04/09	Personal idea
33	Income	Jobs for teenagers	More job opportunities for teenagers	01/04/09	Discussed with classmates and other teenagers
34	Involvement	Treat everyone equally	Everyone is allowed to be treated equally regardless of their skin or religion. White or western people should not be punished for stating their feelings.	01/04/09	Personal idea
35	Access	Lowered curbs to be painted yellow to prevent parking in front of them	Causeway curbs that are lowered to allow wheelchair/mobility scooter access to the road etc are often inaccessible due to motorists being unaware and therefore parking in front of the dropped curb. These dropped curbs should be painted yellow so motorists are aware of "no parking"	02/04/09	Personal idea
36	Access	Lowered curbs to be even lower	Often the lowered curbs are not sufficiently low to enable a smooth transition from pavement to road.	02/04/09	Personal idea
37	Government	10% of income on Council Tax to be classed as "fuel poverty"	I would like to ask the Prime Minister if paying 10% on one's income on fuel in the winter - this is classed as "fuel poverty". Why does this not also apply when having to pay 10% of one's income in Council Tax? At 85, and with a very modest income, this is my situation.	02/04/09	A lot of other pensioners
38	Crime	Criminals to undertake community service - i.e. countryside rubbish collections	Wrong - no regular clearance of rubbish in the countryside and road verges. Idea - Countryside rubbish clearances to be undertaken by convicted criminals under a community service order	03/04/09	Personal idea
39	Economy	VAT to fund local projects	All locally-generated VAT should be returned to and spent within the parish	04/04/09	Ps and Qs Environmental Group, Purton
40	Natural Environment	Utility companies to publish utility usage by area	Make it mandatory for utility companies to publish or make available aggregate figures for utility usage (electricity, gas and water) on a community basis. Our parish wish to monitor these figures as part of our "sustainable community" initiative, but find they are not available.	06/04/09	I am a parish councillor and my idea has the support of our parish (Ramsbury and Axford) Council
41	Economy	Receivers of benefits should be required to perform community service	Persons receiving benefits should be required to perform some kind of service for their community. Trade Unions may object - but these people are parasites on the rest of the population and should do something in return for their bread and butter.	07/04/09	Personal idea
42	Government	More recognition for rural communities in national policies	More recognition, that urban-centric national policies do not resonate well with rural living and sometimes rural-centric policies are needed. Transport policy is one example.	07/04/09	Northern Area Community Area Partnership
43	Government	Local Authority and other organisation complaints to be publicised on their website	Any complaint concerning local authority service should be immediately logged on the county web site indicating date, detail, complaint owner in the local authority and status. This would include telephone calls to officers	07/04/09	Northern Area Community Area Partnership

44	Government	Councillors relationships with organisations to be made public	All positions/relationships for all councillors of all tiers within all organisations in UK/abroad should be available on a website.	07/04/09	Northern Area Community Area Partnership
45	Transport	Introduce a law to wear cycle helmets at all times	There are lots of people who cycle around Trowbridge and elsewhere not wearing helmets. I think that this is unsafe and that if there was more information about the dangers of this, or if there was a law against it, it could help save lots of lives	09/04/09	Personal idea
46	Government	Politicians to be more available to constituents	For an elected politician to be more easily and readily available to speak to and listen to constituents.	14/04/09	Personal idea
47	Government	Council to use smaller envelopes where possible to save money	Currently, when sending out communications by post, Council employees frequently use A4 size envelopes when the enclosed paperwork would easily fit into a smaller envelope. Savings in cost of stationery and postage could be made smaller if smaller sized envelopes were used whenever possible. Small savings do add up in time.	16/04/09	My wife often receives communications from County Hall in A4 envelopes when a smaller envelope would have been suitable
48	Housing	Stamp duty from house sales in counties with house prices out of reach for low and middle income earners to be paid to the local authority to encourage building of more affordable homes	Wiltshire is an attractive and well-located county, and this leads to intense competition for housing which pushes up house prices, making them out of the reach of low, and even middle, income residents. The higher house prices go, the higher the Stamp Duty that is paid. In 2007/08 Residential Stamp Duty for the Wiltshire Council area was £63M. I think that Government should consider making the Stamp Duty raised from house sales in the County available to Wiltshire Council so that it can build affordable housing in the County, and/or commission the construction of such housing from local housing associations. This could be applicable to other counties. I feel it would make a dramatic impact on the supply of affordable housing, and would also make Stamp Duty more acceptable as a tax, as it would be seen to be directly assisting local people. It may also reduce the Government's expenditure on Housing Benefit. A system could be devised that linked this local Stamp Duty housing construction fund, and Housing Benefit to give the Council an incentive to reduce Housing Benefit expenditure by building more properties.	16/04/09	Personal idea
49	Natural Environment	Harder penalties for litter dropping and stronger enforcement	Our countryside and streets are frequently a disgrace, strewn with all types of litter. Yet no body in national or local government seems prepared to get in touch with the culprits to begin to instil discipline and respect within many of our population. We need a national policy imposing penalties on offenders. At least £100 on the spot fine. Cautions, token fines and posters do nothing. Police, traffic wardens, Highway and Environment agencies, countryside/national park wardens, shopping centres, and local authorities should be given the power to enforce penalties. Late night patrols would need to be put in place also. The costs could be collected on the fines.	16/04/09	Relatives and friends
50	Natural Environment	More clear markings on plastics for recycling codes, and make it compulsory for manufacturers to include.	The voluntary code of manufacturers marking plastic packaging containers with the recycling code number in a triangle is not working. Often plastic packaging/bottles do not have any code shown upon them, or the triangle and number are too small to read. Legislation needs to be passed to impose the obligation for manufacturers/retailers to show on all plastic packaging/bottles the relevant code number for that type of plastic in a triangle which is at least one cm high. This is necessary for the public to properly identify the type of plastic the item is made from and thereby sort and recycle a higher proportion of their waste, reducing that going to landfill.	16/04/09	Relatives and friends
51	Transport	Inject vehicle excise duty back into the local area (via the Council) to fund significant projects to encourage sustainable means of transport.	There is no policy mechanism linking car ownership, and its impacts on Wiltshire communities. There are broad policies to encourage people to use public transport, but there are never enough funds to significantly develop these alternatives so they become alternatives to car use. A step-change in investment of these sustainable transport options is needed. There were 311,000 vehicles licensed in the Wiltshire Council area in 2008. A reasonable estimate of vehicle would be a figure of between £30-35M. If this sum was annually passed to Wiltshire Council to spend on developing sustainable transport options in Wiltshire, a significant shift could be made away from car usage. As more people shifted away from cars, so the Excise Duty income would reduce, but by that time there would have been enough investment in infrastructure development, and increase in demand for public and other forms of sustainable transport to make them largely self-funding.	16/04/09	Personal idea

52	Transport	Change national speed limit signs to state what the limit is e.g. "60", "70"	We know that speed on our road kills many people each year. Many motorists, when leaving a 20, 30 or 40 mph zone, seem to believe that the national speed limit sign means they can go as fast as they like. My suggestion is that it would be more appropriate to replace in time the current unrestricted signs with "60" or "70" so motorists are aware of the maximum limit. There would be no extra financial costs to this, as the old signs would be replaced when needed. However, there would be huge costs saved in lives saved.	16/04/09	Personal idea
53	Housing	New houses to be equipped with water harvesting and solar power	All new houses should be required to be equipped with rain water harvesting and solar power units to minimise the impact on the environment. The cost will be built into the sale price by the builder and will provide a selling point in future.	17/04/09	Personal idea
54	Economy	Community shops to not pay business rate for waste collection and rate payers to be charged 14p each to maintain community shops	Community shop should not pay a rubbish collection charge but be treated in the same way as domestic customers. Also, all rate payers should be charged a sum of 14p per week to be paid directly to small community shops. This would help maintain the shop and ensure all who benefit from it, if only in bad weather, contribute. This also reduces carbon footprint.	18/04/09	Personal idea
55	Education	More online courses	The colleges need to offer more computer courses online and provide more of a mentoring service plus exam sitting service.	18/04/09	Personal idea
56	Education	More access to education for all	Government needs to make education truly easier to access with a central database of places that will allow external candidates to go and sit exams and less discrimination of those from poorer backgrounds, ethnic groups and the bullied. I would set up exam shops where people could go to sit exams of their choice. If they failed, let them do it again. At present the current external candidate system is poor – you have to ring round to find somewhere doing your subject, level and board. You have to apply months in advance. It is not hard to get syllabi for examinations, past papers and marking schemes online. For a few pounds you can get a text book and work your way through your chosen subject. I for one would like to do A level maths for my own interest but find commitment to classes difficult, as this subject is not popular as an evening class – plus I have not found a nice maths teacher. The whole exam system needs to empower people to sort themselves out if they want to. Suggested venues – Why not use existing colleges and schools when they are closed.	18/04/09	This idea came about after discussions with some of my nurse friends who were discussing suicides in young boys and girls.
57	Natural Environment	Alternative method of storing electrical energy generated by renewable methods.	This idea solves the problem of how to store electrical energy generated by renewables such as wind power, solar, tidal. The perennial problem for the energy generation industry is how to generate power for when there is greatest demand. We may be watching a good film and want a cup of tea in the ad break – the power generation industry has to be ready with the power for all those millions of cups of teas. The wind may not blow at this time, the sun may not shine and it takes 4 days to fire up a coal fired powered station. For this reason energy storage is a vital issue. The energy scientists have been using CAES since the 1970s and involves using electrical power to compress air/gas when the power is available and then storing it underground in chambers until the demand for electricity from the grid is there. The gas is then let out and turns generators which then produce electricity for the grid again. We were wondering if the mines at Corsham were suitable or if they could be modified to become suitable for energy storage using CAES.	18/04/09	There is an article in E & T Magazine (Engineering and Technology) Volume 4 Issue 6 11th April – 24th April 2009 about this technology that you may like to look at their website is www.theiet.org/engtechmag . The article is called "Full Charge Ahead" and is written by Sian Crampsie p52.
58	Transport	Discourage long-distance commuting and reopen local stations	Long distance commuting should be discouraged this is not sustainable long term. I think it is time to think about reopening local train stations such as Corsham and Box.	18/04/09	Personal idea
59	Cohesion	Give illegal immigrants amnesty so they pay taxes and tougher penalties for those who have hidden	Allow amnesty for illegal immigrants so they can start paying taxes, and be harder on those who stay hidden. Give asylum seekers a better deal, don't treat them like criminals but examine their case quickly and fairly.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
60	Cohesion	Encourage looking out for others	Reverse the PC culture that stops people looking after each other, teachers have lost control, helping strangers has stopped.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
61	Crime	Police to react to all crime	Re-instate the police duty to react to all crime and remove their discretion which is widely abused, and balance that with sensible laws.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me

62	Crime	Legalise drugs to prevent drugs related crime	Put a stop to thefts that fund drug use, and stop the criminal supply of impure materials - Make heroin etc available on prescription with reviews. Make herbal cannabis (not strong skunk) available as manufactured cigarettes. This would generate revenue and happy citizens as well as eliminating a huge source of criminal activity. It would give Afghan farmers a legitimate customer for poppy.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
63	Culture	Golden Day for elderly people	We have Red Nose Day for Children. I would like to see Golden Day set up for the over fifties. Perhaps Wiltshire could be the first to set up? A fun day to work with school children.	20/04/09	Most people I speak to
64	Culture	More topical television/radio programmes	Encourage television and other programme makers to inform some technical information about topics otherwise presented as entertainment, and discourage them showing so much about people being nasty to each other.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
65	Economy	Pay gaps to be narrowed and standstill on salaries above 100k	Pay percentage rises have led to a wider gap between well off and poorer people. Review this and have standstill on upper levels (above 100k)	20/04/09	Personal idea
66	Economy	Tax revenue to go to those doing the job	Direct tax revenues to those who are doing the job, not talking about it	20/04/09	Personal idea
67	Economy	Nationalise railways and post office	It's daft expecting services, such as the railways or the Post Office, to make a paper profit when the real profit is intangible social benefit, so nationalise them or ignore paper losses. Build rail container depots and a rail link to every town, so that most bulk transport can be taken off the roads. Saves money in the long term.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
68	Economy	Reorganise large organisations to be "on the ground"	Large scale organisations need re-organising to return to being small scale units "on the ground", eg. schools to have house masters who know the pupils; hospitals to have ward sisters to oversee beds, medication, cleaning etc and who know the patients etc, etc. The military know the value of this.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
69	Economy	Company directors / MPs to have no other occupations with responsibility	Executive Company directors should not be directors of other companies. Non Execs may hold multiple directorships, with restrictions. The conflict of interest and time slicing make these obvious improvements. Likewise, members of parliament should have no other occupation.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
70	Economy	Do not transfer wealth generated in the UK overseas	It is unfair for wealth generated here to be transferred overseas as dividends. It is worse that overseas owners can control how (and whether) work is done here. The more so when strategic" industries are involved, like water or telecom suppliers. So impose or acquire a "golden share" in overseas controlled domestic companies, and use it frequently.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
71	Economy	Stop charging interest and introduce a fixed fee	Ban the charging of interest, and replace it with a flat rate service charge - because the amount of work needed to service an account is similar whether the fund is £1000 or 100,000.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
72	Economy	Reintroduce supertax to help fund better state pensions	The revenue & customs service ought to look closely at people who have huge assets but manage to pay no income taxes. Advise the rest of us how to achieve that! Reinstate super tax at 95%. Set the state pension at a level that can be lived on, and make it equitable by simply taxing it as part of taxable income progressively for anyone receiving rather more than the basic liveable level. Currently it's taxed but the level is set too low. Make all benefits both automatic universal and means tested, the mechanism for both being the tax return. A lot of social engineering can be achieved with the tax system, for example re-instate the married person's allowance to encourage marriage over co-habiting so as to make relationships more long-term stable.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
73	Economy	Child benefit only for the first two children	There are already too many people in the world, so stop child benefit for the 3rd and subsequent child, but give compensatory access to favourable means tested benefits - this is to change it from a right to a favour.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
74	Education	Reintroduce National Service	Don't expect most people to get a degree, instead introduce National Service for the others, to give unruly youths a sense of society and do something useful. It need not be military service. Less PC more civic responsibility. Not expensive in the long run.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
75	Education	School league tables should be scrapped	Scrap league tables for schools. Just make each school decent. Ditto hospitals.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
76	Education	Change school subjects to more academic subjects and offer more school trips	Teach more literature, engineering, technology and sciences rather than so much sport and art in schools. Make school field trips easier as it is a great experience for pupils, so reduce the PC paperwork and have a trip each term.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
77	Education	More later night informative programming	Re-instate the Open University programmes on late night BBC2 which were the only publicly accessible general interest technical programmes.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
78	Education	Children's Hour to be reintroduced to radio programming	Re-instate "children's hour" on the wireless because it fosters family unity.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me

79	Government	Local authorities to manage the lack of trust in government through various initiatives making councillors more accountable.	Councillors should gain an electorate mandate for spending plans. This would require initiatives to be presented along with full and transparent costs at the outset. Communities should be able to define what they want for their area, and not be judged against other community areas. The Area Boards need to be less of a talking shop, and focus on initiatives which resonate within the community. There should be recognition of the fact that many national and regional policies are grounded on urban and economic delivery. "Ring-fenced" funding and the way in which it is procured and spent should be phased out. Services which can be enjoyed collectively by accountable community groups should be encouraged. Planning call-in procedures should automatically require the development control committee to consider an application to which there has been a large number of objections. If a unitary councillors declines a call-in he/she must be required to give their planning reasons publicly. There should be a complaints section on the local authority website with full details of any complaints logged.	20/04/09	Discussed within Calne Area Transport (transport theme group of Calne Area Partnership)
80	Government	Do not issue advisory packs for issues already highly advertised	Eliminate advisory packs for initiatives which have no practical value, such as "5-a-day", and which are served by normal advertising and reporting	20/04/09	Personal idea
81	Government	Harmonise management structures	Review all management structures with a view to eliminating those whose roles are not clearly defined and necessary.	20/04/09	Personal idea
82	Government	Parish councillors to be supported by independent professional project managers to lead projects, to be funded from central/regional resources	If local parish councils are to be given more power and responsibilities for managing their area, they need some support. Most parish councillors are working hard in their limited spare time to serve the community, but do not always have the skills or the time to lead projects such as Parish Plans, climate friendly initiative, affordable housing, etc. I think they need direct access to independent professional or experienced advisors/reject managers or leaders in specific situations. These advisors would be paid a one-off fee from a central fund (national or regional). Parish councillors would still be accountable, represent the community and very involved, but independent advisors would have the skills to bring together people in the local community to achieve projects. I don't know how much this would cost. P.S I am not a councillor.	20/04/09	Personal idea
83	Government	Allow ideas to be submitted under the SCA continuously, or once a year.	This consultation process (Sustainable Communities Act, Ideas) should continue forever and not end on 24th April 2009, or be repeated every couple of years. It would not cost much and would both achieve and appear to achieve a democratic voice. This consultation process need a different title, it's not Prime Minister but the Local Authority that is being advised in the first instance. There needs to be a tick box on the form to automatically email the text back to me, or state that this happens anyway, otherwise how am I expected to retain a copy of what I have written? It could also suggest composing the text off line and pasting it in (for those who know how to do that). This consultation process should have the courage and vision to properly consider all ideas, not limiting consideration only to those ideas having the "right" political colour or appearing in large numbers.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
84	Government	Instead of a One Council for Wiltshire - make North and South Wiltshire separate authorities.	The EU doctrine of subsidiary requires services etc to be organised at the lowest practicable level, such as the District Councils prior to April 2009, and not the highest level such as the unified Wiltshire Council, and this means the unification is unlawful. South Wiltshire is a different country (origin of "chalk and cheese" metaphor was literal). If you must scrap the successful accountable local district authorities, make North and South Wilts into separate unitary authorities, not one for the whole county. Salisbury should not be ruled from Trowbridge; this is not an increase of accountability, and breaks the EU directive about subsidiary. Put the unification of Wiltshire County to the public vote in explicit terms. It would not cost too much considering recent changes.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
85	Government	Take local needs into consideration when agreeing rate support grant.	The Government's contribution to local services takes the form of the rate support grant. In deciding the grant amount, take more note of local needs and do not plan or cap the grant on a percentage basis alone.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
86	Government	Remove Royal Prerogative and change the way the Monarchy works	The Prime Minister should scrap the Royal Prerogative and compel government departments to make their decisions openly and be reviewed by Parliament. Betty Battenberg aka The queen should retire and give Charles a go, giving him enough time to achieve something. Scrap primogeniture and allow the firstborn to succeed regardless of sex. Allow the Heir to the Throne to marry a Roman Catholic, or anyone they choose. This can result in the monarch at some time being a Catholic, or a Buddhist, or anything, therefore also Dis-Establish the Church of England. This needs a referendum.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me

87	Government	Allow the public to vote on the EU treaty	Put the EU treaty to the public in referendum - there has been no referendum on this constitutional issue, the Common Market transformed into the EC, now the EU, by degrees without public sanction, a market has become a Union illegally. It is illegal to set an authority above the Monarch without approval. It is also illegal for the Monarch to give assent to any of this. It does not matter what it costs, but fix it.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
88	Government	Prevent links between databases to share personal information - e.g. Child protection	Stop big databases talking to each other automatically. Permit it manually subject to obtaining a court order. Scrap the ID database, health database, etc. which are too big to work properly as well as being a threat to personal privacy etc. Announce what happens to the data in the child health database when the child reaches age 18; the data should be deleted of course. Scrap the database. An ID reference service might (emphasis "might") be justified in some form, solely to verify identity against a static file, but current plans are totally unacceptable - progressively accumulating and permanently retaining records centrally of every interaction between the citizen and the state. Consider what a hypothetical future government could use this data for - to suppress legitimate dissent for example. Do nothing that discourages legitimate dissent - think about historical examples of countries that did/do that. Remember the public is in charge through parliament, not Government. Any ID system would be by-passed, subverted, or simply ignored by intelligent criminals that it is supposed to catch, the result is (potential) monitoring and alienation of ordinary citizens, and failure to catch the baddies. Expensive, undesirable	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
89	Government	Curtail the powers of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act	Review of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) as soon as possible to curtail its powers. Accept the recommendations of select committees etc unless good reason is given to parliament why each and every recommendation should not be accepted.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
90	Government	Don't track internet use in general	Don't track internet use without a case by case specific court order.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
91	Government	MPs to be representative of constituents	Transform parliament to direct democracy, not representative democracy by having M.P.s vote as directed by their constituents. Don't have internet voting by everyone as that's too easily abused by media oratory. Adopt proportional representation, it's not expensive. First-past-the-post is grossly unfair and usually unrepresentative.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
92	Government	Repeal ancient laws and impose only those that are necessary	Stop making laws just to look busy / respond to media fads, instead either enforce the existing laws or repeal them. There are too many draconian laws that are not enforced but which could be enforced at the whim of some future hypothetical nasty government, so repeal unused laws to limit their options.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
93	Government	Destroy nuclear missiles to ensure they are never used	Scrap Trident nuclear missile submarines and their successors. They can't be used. If the point came where they would be used, the reason for their existence has already failed and there was no point having them.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
94	Health	More care in the community for mental health problems	I think there should be more hospital beds in psychiatric hospitals and there should be a half way house. I don't know the cost,. But it would be ,making care in the community work and saving money and lives as I have lost lots of friends through the terrible illness and isolation of depression at its most desperate. People shouldn't struggle for years.	20/04/09	Family and friends and lots of people suffering from manic depression
95	Health	Fix the NHS by paying cleaners more, treating hospitals with phage and scrap league tables	How to fix the NHS, will save money in the long run - 1) Fewer management directives. More grass roots accountability. The EU requires subsidiary in practice (doing stuff at the lowest admin layer). Smaller management units (ward scale). 2) Pay cleaners much more. 3) Hire more cleaners. 4) Don't link up computers any more than they are now. 5) Use bacteriophage therapy to cure hospital acquired infections c.diff, mrsa, also TB & bacterial disease generally. Bacteriophages are natural virus like particles that "eat" bacteria. A different 'phage for each bacterium strain. Phage treatment has been in successful use in the EU (Poland, Czech Republic) for many years (they didn't have access to western drugs during Hitler's war or under Stalin). See http://www.aite.wroclaw.pl/phages/phages.html for example. Importantly, it has no immunity build up. It's already in use within EU (Poland, CR etc). 6) Scrap league tables, just make each hospitals decent. 7) Put me in charge.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
96	Housing	Local authorities to purchase homes to rent	Allow local authorities to build and acquire houses for rent. The current situation is untenable; it should be funded mainly from sale proceeds and rental income.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
97	Involvement	Destroy DNA of innocent parties once proven to be	Verifiably destroy DNA and data relating to innocent parties at the end of a police or other investigation where the sample or information is given voluntarily for the specific purpose of assisting that investigation. This would give confidence when giving DNA etc and the feeling of helping an investigation rather than the current feelings of reluctance that come with compulsion. It's a matter of psychology, get the public onside.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me

98	Leisure	Improve tourist facilities/signs	Hire me to look around the county and advise on what a tourist would perceive as needing changing, like direction signs. It would not cost a lot.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
99	Leisure	Ban gambling or, at least, advertisements for gambling	Ban advertising of gambling. Ban or restrict casinos.	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
100	Natural Environment	The implications of litter dropping to be taught in schools	I am shocked by the the amount of litter by roadside and paths. I live in Pewsey where there is a trail of litter from the school and convenience store. I understand that school teaches about the environmental problems, but not so much about the basic ones like litter. I suggest that children are told in schools not to drop litter as this is the very start of respecting the local neighbourhood and protecting the environment.	20/04/09	Just about everyone I talk to
101	Natural Environment	Find alternative methods of fuel - e.g. wave/wind power	I look forward to when the oil runs out. It won't run out of course, it will just get much more expensive. Goods won't be moved so far, and food will become seasonal and local. People will live close to their work. Communities will have more character. "There" will be different to "here", and it might be worth having a holiday to explore places. It's daft using an irreplaceable chemical feedstock as transport fuel or to make plastic stuff that has a limited useful life and pollutes landfill for ever, when there are alternatives. The transition will be painful of course, and that just shows how much the financial bottom line pushes out unquantifiable benefits of quality of life. Until fusion power is developed, we can only recognise the real costs and reduce oil use. Invest in large scale tidal power with turbines (windmills) on the sea floor. Fund more research into wave power. This would give the shipyards much needed work as well as solving much of the coming energy crisis. Do not build nuclear power stations until all the tidal resources are used to capacity. Review how plastics are used. Make bin liners from bio-degradable plastics. Reduce or eliminate plastic shopping	20/04/09	Discussed with friends who largely agree with me
102	Social Care	Improved state pensions for the elderly	I know it's not your pigeon, but if everyone employed by the Council across the county pressed government for a better deal for the most elderly, particularly to increase the humiliating 25p per week. What could you do with that?	20/04/09	Agreed with friends from support group
103	Transport	Free rail travel for over 60s 5x per year	Rail travel for over sixties free five times per year, as in other countries. We should do more to help.	20/04/09	Most people I speak to
104	Transport	Strict speed limits in town centres and villages	Implement a 20 mph speed limit in all town centres, 30mph through all villages	24/04/09	Personal idea
105	Transport	Traffic wardens to check disabled badge users and tax disc	Traffic wardens to challenge people using a disabled badge to check the photograph is the person using it and to check for tax discrepancies	24/04/09	Personal idea
106	Natural Environment	A national policy to be put in place that prevents alternative fuel sites having planning permission stopped due to landscape	In recognition of the state of emergency we are in due to climate change we need to agree as a nation that until the end of 2050 landscape issues will not be considered as valid grounds for the refusal of planning permission for renewable energy installations. This recognises the urgent short term need to cut carbon emissions through the generation of renewable energy whilst we work on creating a lower carbon economy. Where significant impacts on the landscape are registered as a concern these applications can be reviewed after 2050 and the installations removed if necessary. This will allow for several decades of economic generation whilst not committing to a permanent impact on the landscape. No other causes for objection (biodiversity, military safety etc) will be effected.	25/04/09	Personal idea
107	Natural Environment	Switch street lights off at 11pm	Reduce electricity use and hence save money/CO2 emissions, reduce light pollution, etc etc by switching off street lights at 11pm.	25/04/09	Personal idea, but have discussed with various people

108	Transport	All MOT tests to include mileage recording as standard to ensure accurate information is held for the purpose of local and national information.	MOT certificates and tracking vehicle mileage. As I understand it MOT certificates can record the mileage the vehicle has done, but this is not required, and as a result, I suspect that garages will be variable in whether they record it or not. My idea is that Government should require the recording of mileage (and the postcode of the vehicles owner) on annual MOT certificates, and on the national MOT electronic database. At the moment mileage is not part of the official MOT test. In this way it would be possible for local authorities and others to receive information from the Government (if their database is made searchable by postcode) on the actual mileage undertaken by vehicles registered in their local government areas. With this information local authorities, as transport authorities, could track the real impact of any measures they introduce to reduce car usage, etc. The same information could also be used to estimate the annual CO2 produced by locally registered vehicles. For vehicles under 3 years of age, which don't require an MOT, a different arrangement would have to	25/04/09	Personal idea
109	Natural Environment	Stop cutting down trees	People should stop cutting down trees because birds die, because there isn't enough trees for them to live in.	26/04/09	Personal idea