



PROPOSED DIRECT DEMOCRACY PROCESSES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO A UK HYBRID PART-REPRESENTATIVE PART-DIRECT DEMOCRACY

DIRECT DEMOCRACY PROCESS	GOVERNMENT LEVEL		
	WARD	LOCAL COUNCIL ETC	PARLIAMENTARY
REFERENDUM – MANDATORY Mandatory Referendums are automatically triggered by any UK or local government action that directly concerns matters noted in the columns to the right. [All forms of Referendums will be first-past-the-post (FPTP) votes.]	This will include those local issues deemed fundamental to the liberties of the voters, and the Ward’s future. Examples might include ULEZ, school closures etc.	This will include those local issues deemed fundamental to the liberties of the voters, and the affected area’s future. Examples might include major planning applications, 15-minute LTNs etc.	This will include those issues deemed fundamental to the liberties of the voters, and the nation’s future. Examples might include constitutional changes, national lockdowns, joining/leaving international bodies etc.
REFERENDUM – OPTIONAL Triggering this referendum requires the collection of signatures of 1% of registered voters, completed within 6 months of approval of the veto/amendment. The latter must be lodged within 3 months of the law’s passing and follow nationally agreed guidelines: government approval of this to take no more than 6 weeks .	These can be called for by affected resident local voters on any legislation or regulation issued by elected officials. The agency accepting the veto must be at the next level up in local government (suggestions include electoral or legal departments).	These can be called for by affected resident local voters on any legislation or regulation issued by elected officials. The agency accepting the veto must be in the affected council/district (suggestions include electoral or legal departments).	These can be called for by affected constituency resident voters on any legislation or regulation issued by Parliament. The agency accepting must be operating at national level (suggestions include electoral/legal/democracy officials).
INITIATIVE Triggering this form of referendum requires the collection of signatures, within 12 months , of 2% of registered voters. Approval of the proposed wording as above.	These can be proposed by any resident local voter. Initiative approval as above for the optional referendum.	These can be proposed by any resident local voter. Initiative approval as above for the optional referendum.	These can be proposed by any constituency resident voter. Initiative approval as above for the optional referendum.
RECALL Calling a referendum to recall an elected official requires the collection of 5% of the signatures of registered voters within 3 months .	These can be proposed by any resident local voter. Recall approval as above for the optional referendum.	These can be proposed by any resident local voter. Recall approval as above for the optional referendum.	These can be proposed by any constituency resident voter. Recall approval as above for the optional referendum.

The chart below is a model that demonstrates the proposed Direct Democracy processes that can be incorporated into our current representative system. The final model will be that decided upon by the people, ensuring that the vast majority will willingly defend, comply with, and support it – unlike today.

The Swiss hybrid system was adopted in 1848, with the electorate now voting around four times a year: the Swiss believe that this direct control is the main reason for their civic cohesion and their impressive economic performance. They also top the list of citizens most content with their system, scoring as high as 75%, whilst the UK lingers at 42%, equalling the global average. This Movement works with Blocvote, a blockchain voting app developer, to provide candidates and voters with a means to demonstrate Direct Democracy using publicly verifiable votes – see www.blocvote.org

“I am quite certain that once established the Referendum would never be got rid of by anything short of a revolution.” A.V. Dicey, Iconic Constitutional Expert