

LABOUR REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

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Response from Diane Abbott

Thank you for writing to me about my campaign for the Labour leadership. The issues that you raise invariably come up at the hustings that the Labour Party has organised. And my line on these matters has been clear.

- I am the only candidate calling for withdrawal of our troops from Afghanistan
- I am the only candidate calling, not only for complete opposition to the Lib Con cuts, but also for no further privatisation in the public sector and bringing the railways back into public ownership.
- I am the only candidate supporting John McDonnell's Trade Union Freedom Bill.

I think it is widely accepted that the current nomination process for leader is flawed. Not only is it solely in the hands of MPs but it sets an artificially high barrier. One solution might be the process currently being used to elect the mayor of London where candidates self-nominate.