



NOT LIBERAL

The Liberal Democrats have supported major EU attacks on civil liberties, including:

- the EU Arrest Warrant, which allows British citizens to be taken to face trial in another EU member country without evidence of a crime first having to be presented in a British court.
- **Europol, the EU's embryonic police force, which will be given more powers by the Lisbon Treaty and whose officers have immunity from criminal prosecution (Statutory Instrument 1997 No.2973).**
- internet and email monitoring such as the new EU Communications Data Directive (2006/24/EC), which requires the storage of data relating to every email we send and every web site we visit.

NOT DEMOCRATS

In repeatedly approving the passing of more powers to the EU, the Lib Dems are eroding democracy. They:

- **voted to prevent you having a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.**
- plan to interfere in an outrageous repeat Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. Graham Watson MEP has pledged to give financial help to the 'Yes' campaign, supporting the EU elite plan to bully the Irish people into reversing their clear first 'No' vote.
- support scrapping the pound and locking Britain into euro. This would place major elements of control over the British economy, such as over interest rates and exchange rates, beyond the influence of anyone we elect.

The Lib Dems have acted consistently to hand more control over your life to undemocratic EU institutions and to deny you a say over those power transfers.

Lib Dem bullies: leave Ireland alone!



A vote for the Liberal Democrats at the European Parliament elections on 4 June is a vote to bully the Irish people into reversing their clear 'No' vote to the EU's Lisbon Treaty.

That's the message being sent by Lib Dem MEP for the South West Graham Watson, according to a recent article in the *Irish Times* (6/3/09).

As the leader of the Liberal group in the European Parliament, Watson has pledged to help the Irish government fund a major campaign in favour of the Lisbon Treaty when they call a second referendum, which is expected in the autumn.

Expressing his group's support for the **EU elite plan to ignore the previous 'No' vote and make the Irish people vote a second time on the same treaty**, Mr Watson said: "It would be our great pleasure to support Fianna Fáil if they wanted us to, either in the referendum campaign in the autumn or any other campaign".

Watson tops the Liberal Democrat list of candidates for the South West of England euro-constituency, which covers Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall.

Lib Dem MEPs have long been supporters of major EU attacks on civil liberties. Graham Watson was a driving force behind the **EU Arrest Warrant** (see panel *right*), which even he now admits is flawed (*Eurofacts*, 19/12/08). Andrew Duff, MEP for the East of England, had a leading role in drafting the EU's **so-called Charter of Fundamental Rights** (see *right*) and the Lib Dems also support the EU's growing police force, **Europol**.

The Lib Dems have voted for successive treaties that hand over more law-making power to the authoritarian European Union - powers that are then used by the EU to regulate and control your life. For example, the **EU Communications Data Directive** (2006/24/EC) gives state agencies the right to find out who you have been emailing and what you have been accessing on the internet. The authorities do not even need to suspect you of having committed a crime to monitor this highly personal information.

The EU is constructed on anti-democratic lines. The unelected European Commission proposes laws and the Council of Ministers, voting in secret, is able to over-rule elected governments and impose those laws on all countries regardless.

The Lib Dems have acted consistently to hand more control over your life to these remote institutions and to deny you a say over those power transfers. They repeatedly choose the passing of more powers to the EU over protecting personal liberties.

Freedoms under fire

The **EU Arrest Warrant** (EAW) allows British citizens to be taken to face trial in another EU member country without evidence of a crime first having to be presented in a British court - a traditional legal right called *Habeas Corpus*.

The EAW can be used for offences that are not even crimes in this country. The recent cases of the 19 year-old holidaymaker Andrew Symeou, Australian academic Fredrick Toben and English antiquities dealer Malcolm Hay show how other EU member countries are abusing the EAW and how it is exposing potentially innocent people to dubious standards of justice.

The EU's **so-called Charter of Fundamental Rights** is given legal force in the Lisbon Treaty.

Article 52 of the Charter sinisterly allows "limitations" of basic human rights if doing so is deemed in the "general interest" of the EU.

Europol is the EU's embryonic pan-European police force. Its officers have been given immunity from criminal prosecution should they break the laws of an EU member country (Statutory Instrument 1997 No.2973). The Lisbon Treaty, which the Lib Dems voted to approve, will extend the powers of Europol to the "implementation" of operational action. The treaty also grants the EU a blank cheque to further extend Europol's powers by majority vote (Article 88).