

Press Release

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Yeovil Labour Party says no to Trident Replacement

The General Committee of the Yeovil Constituency Labour Party last month passed a motion questioning government plans to go ahead with the replacement of two trident nuclear submarines. Under government plans the trident system will be replaced at the estimated cost of £20bn to the British taxpayer, meaning funds will have to be diverted from front line public services in order to foot the bill.

The Yeovil Labour Party concluded that as the Trident system doesn't have a truly independent delivery system and the launch codes are ultimately under NATO control, it would be pointless to replace the aging system.

Paul Smith, the Yeovil Labour Party parliamentary candidate commented ***“in the current international climate submarines carrying nuclear weapons are pointless, they do not deter terrorists and if they were ever used would serve as the biggest recruitment tool for terrorist organisations in history, even more so than our recent invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan”***.

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