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Passport Plans to Replace Queen with EU "disgraceful"

Plans to remove references to the Queen and the Royal Coat of Arms from British passports and replace them with the EU flag and a motto about EU citizenship have been branded a "disgrace" today. The proposals, which are sure to be greeted with anger from the vast majority of the British public, will add to the growing public opposition to British membership of the EU and the opinion that the EU seeks to over-ride national identity and Britain's nationhood.

Leading Better Off Out supporter Philip Davies MP (Conservative, Shipley) said, "These plans are another disgraceful attempt to force an artificial EU identity down the throats of the British people. People are proud to be British, they are loyal to our Queen and they want passports that reflect their national identity - not a cut-and-paste attempt to prop up a political project that is running out of steam. The EU always tries to deny that it is on the road to a European superstate, but hijacking national passports like this is yet more confirmation that that is the case. If we want to protect our political and constitutional system, we must free ourselves of the EU's overbearing, top-down, undemocratic rule."

Philip, seen in the attached photo holding his passport wallet that reads "Britain would be BETTER OFF OUT of the European Union", became the first MP in the current Parliament to declare his support for leaving the EU in 2005. Since then, he has launched The Freedom Association's Better Off Out campaign and has helped to build the largest ever cross-party group against EU membership.

Notes to Editors

- 1) Better Off Out is a campaign of The Freedom Association, putting the positive case for British independence from the EU. Since its launch in April 2006, activists have distributed over 600,000 leaflets and numerous MPs, MEPs, Peers, Councillors and members of the public have joined the campaign.
- 2) Better Off Out produces and sells passport wallets which have been met with great public demand. For info, see [here](#).

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