

“But the R&D cluster is too small to be certain of long term success. We lag behind in building the transport and IT links the region needs. Our manufacturing base is declining. A huge effort is needed to improve English education and culture if we are to attract foreign investment in future.



“Britain needs to commit itself more seriously to making a success of Europe’s large single market.

Labour has

resisted measures to remove obstacles to the smooth operation of the single market in tax and social security. Worst of all, the government has been weak and divided on whether to join the euro, leaving UK industry at the mercy of volatile currency markets and the British consumer condemned to paying higher prices. Outside the eurozone, the UK has precious little influence on the strategic economic decisions that will shape the future of our continent.



“Labour has lost its way in Europe, and the Tories and their fellow Eurosceptics would leave Britain even more marginalised.

“Only the Liberal Democrats know how to make Britain a leading player in a European Union strengthened by reform.”



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A record of action

Andrew Duff is a member of the group of European Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament. He has been spokesman on constitutional affairs since 1999, and has played a leading part in the rapid transformation of the Parliament.

Duff was a member of the Convention that drafted the EU's first bill of rights. As Parliament's 'rapporteur' or draftsman on the Charter of Fundamental Rights, he succeeded in building impressive cross-party majorities in favour of making the Charter binding, despite the opposition of the Labour and Tory parties.

In 2002, Andrew Duff was elected to the European Convention. This unique body, chaired by former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, was charged by the heads of government to draft a new constitution for the European Union.



Duff became leader of the Liberal group in the Convention and is widely recognised as one of the key figures behind

the Convention's ultimate success. Since the end of the Convention in July 2003, Duff has been working hard to ensure that the constitution enters into force, with the Charter of Fundamental Rights at its heart.

Andrew Duff comments: "It has been a great privilege to be so closely involved in making the European Union's first constitution. **This change, coupled with enlargement, will change Europe for ever.**

"The new constitution will give the EU a stronger system of government than before, producing better law and policy. It will be more open and democratic, with an enhanced capacity to act at home and abroad. The success of enlargement will be assured.

"For Britain, the EU constitution poses a historic choice. Do we want to be inside the Union as an influential



partner in shaping Europe's response to world poverty, pollution and insecurity? Or will we be happy to go it alone and achieve next to nothing?

"My advice is clear. Let's build a strong and better Europe. Together with our European partners, we can find new shared solutions to our common problems."

Andrew Duff is actively involved in the European Parliament's work on foreign, security and defence policy. As vice-chairman of the delegation to Turkey, Duff is a keen advocate of starting membership negotiations with that country. "The pace of reform in Turkey is astonishing. If the reforms continue, Turkey should be welcomed as a member of the European family, offering an invaluable model for liberal democracy in a Moslem society.

A thriving region



Andrew Duff is working to make a success of the new East of England. He campaigns alongside Lib Dem MPs and councillors to shape the region politically and to raise its profile within Europe.

He studied at Cambridge and has lived in the region for thirty years. He has published widely on European affairs. A former local councillor, Duff is committed to the environmental enhancement of the region. He has supported efforts to maximise EU spending in the East of England to conserve the natural habitat and to revitalise rural communities.

Asked about the economic future of the region, Andrew Duff said: "The East of England boasts the widest spread of scientific research and technological development in Europe.



ANDREW DUFF WORKING FOR A STRONG BRITAIN WITHIN A STRONG EUROPE