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Singer Targets Tory Marginals with Vote-Swapping Campaign

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Singer and political activist Billy Bragg today launched a vote-swapping campaign aimed at defeating Conservative party candidates including shadow Chancellor Oliver Letwin.

He said Labour and Liberal Democrat voters should work together to vote tactically to target Conservatives in three marginal Dorset constituencies.

The singer said the West, South and Mid-Dorset seats were vulnerable to a protest vote against the Iraq war which could benefit the Conservatives.

"I will be voting tactically for Justine McGuinness, the Lib Dem candidate in West Dorset where I live. I believe that, with the support of people like myself, she has a very good chance of defeating Tory MP Oliver Letwin.

"However, that won't make much difference if the Tories take back the highly marginal seats of South Dorset from Labour and Mid-Dorset from the Lib Dems."

People interested in tactical voting were urged to check the singer's vote swapping website, www.votedorset.net.

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