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THE ELECTION: BILLY 'VOTE SWAP' TO HIT TORIES

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SINGER and Labour supporter Billy Bragg will vote Lib Dem in the election - but only to help rob shadow chancellor Oliver Letwin of his MP's status.


The 47-year-old political activist is urging Labour-ites and Liberal Democrats to be tactical in three marginal Dorset seats.

He has launched a vote-swapping scheme that he hopes will oust the Tory spokesman in West Dorset - where Bragg lives by the sea - as well as keeping Jim Knight in his seat in South Dorset where his 153 majority is the narrowest of any Labour MP.

Bragg wants Lib Dems there to back Mr Knight.

In return he says he and friends will vote for Lib Dem Justine McGuinness in West Dorset, where Mr Letwin's majority is 1,414.

Bragg also pledges to get Labour supporters in neighbouring constituencies to vote for Liberal Democrat candidates.

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