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A question a day for those who seek to overturn a clear decision of the people on Lisbon

Kevin McCorry, South East Secretary of the People's Movement, has claimed that "those who seek to overturn the clear decision made by the people in the June 2008 Referendum on the Lisbon Treaty have to come up with something better than the mixture of insults, half truths and threats that they have come up with to date. We are voting on exactly the same Treaty as the one Labour leader Eamon Gilmore described as 'dead' after it was rejected by larger percentage majority than that which elected US President Obama."

"Nothing has changed in the Lisbon Treaty and it would be dishonest to suggest otherwise" admitted Lucinda Creighton, the Fine Gael spokesperson on European affairs.

If there is any better basis to the Yes case than the one that has already been so decisively rejected by the people then it should be presented. To date this has not been done.

For example, the majority have the right to know just what is the legal, constitutional and democratic basis for the second referendum. Our question is:

"862,415 voted against ratification of the Lisbon Treaty in June 2008. This represented 53.4% of those who voted. What was the democratic and constitutional status of this decision? Was it a clear expression of the will of voters in this state regarding a question of 'national policy'? Is a majority vote a sufficient expression of the popular will on a question of national policy? What else would have been required in June 2008? What will be required for the second referendum?"

The People's Movement in the South East will continue to campaign for a rejection of the Lisbon Treaty. As part of the campaign it will be both organising its own public meetings and supporting and participating in others. Meetings have already been organised for Bunclody on Thursday next 10th September in the TLC Cafeteria, Supervalu car park, starting at 7.30 p.m. Other meetings are scheduled for Arklow and Rosslare Harbour on 14th, Waterford on 15th, Carlow on 16th and Dungarvan on 22nd. A further list of meetings will be announced as it becomes available. All are welcome.

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