



Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

Mark Oaten has resigned from his front bench position in the Liberal party over allegations concerning an affair with a rent boy. He has apologised for the "embarrassment" caused to his family, friends and the Liberal Democrat party - well he might. What about an apology to the Gay community? Yet again, an MP has shown that he still considers a gay sex life as something to be ashamed about, something to hide and something to be conducted with either rent boys or in public toilets. This image does a grave disservice to normal gay people who live normal lives that include partners of the same sex. It's time MPs grew up and understood that on this issue as on all other, the public expect honesty and decency from our leaders. We certainly do not expect, of all parties, a Liberal Democrat to have such an antiquated and deeply damaging view of gay sex.

Given that approximately 10% of people are now known to be wholly or mainly homosexual, where are the forty or so closeted MPs hiding? It's time they all came clean.

Yours faithfully,
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