

LEEDS FOR EUROPE

GENERAL ELECTION 2017 CONSTITUENCY BRIEFING



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Synopsis

A strong Labour vote. In 2005 and 2010 Lib Dems and the Conservatives were the main opposition parties. However, in 2015 UKIP became the third party at 16%, just below the Conservatives. The Lib Dem vote fell to 3%. Unlikely that Labour will be defeated, so voters should feel free to choose the most pro-EU candidate.

2017 Election Candidates

| Party | Candidate | Policy |
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| Labour | Hilary Benn | |
| Liberal Democrat | Andy Nash | Strong pro-EU position. Would offer second referendum, in line with Liberal Democrat national party policy. |
| Conservative | Gareth Davies | |
| Green | Ed Carlisle | Does not believe that result of referendum should be blocked by parliament and does not think remaining in Single Market is consistent with the referendum result, although would support staying in Customs Union. Would support a second referendum under certain circumstances. |
| Christian Peoples Party | Alex Coetsee | |
| UKIP | Bill Palfreman | Fully supports Brexit. Therefore, our recommendation is clear: do not vote for this candidate. |

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Previous general election votes

| 2015 | | | | 2010 | | | | 2005 | | | |
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| Hilary Benn † | Labour | 24,758 | 54.96% | Benn HJ | Labour | 18,434 | 49.30% | Benn H.J.* | Labour | 17,526 | 60.05% |
| Nicola Wilson | Conservative | 7,791 | 17.29% | Taylor M | Liberal Democrat | 7,789 | 20.83% | C.R. Ms. | Liberal Democrat | 5,660 | 19.39% |
| Luke Senior | UKIP | 7,082 | 15.72% | Lamb AJ | Conservative | 7,541 | 20.17% | Cattell B.A. | Conservative | 3,865 | 13.24% |
| Michael Hayton | Green | 3,558 | 7.90% | Meeson K | BNP | 3,066 | 8.20% | Collett M.A. | BNP | 1,201 | 4.11% |
| Emma Spriggs | Liberal Democrat | 1,529 | 3.39% | Procter D | Independent | 409 | 1.09% | Sewards P. | UKIP | 494 | 1.69% |
| Liz Kitching | TUSC | 330 | 0.73% | One-Nil W | Independent | 155 | 0.41% | Dear M. | Ind | 189 | 0.65% |
| Electorate: 81,799; Turnout: 55.07%; Majority: 16,967 (37.66%) | | | | Electorate: 81,266; Turnout: 46.01%; Majority: 10,645 (28.47%) notional 4.76% swing Lab to LibDem 45.72% boundary change | | | | Taiwo O. | Ind | 126 | 0.43% |
| | | | | | | | | Fitzgerald J. | Glasnost | 125 | 0.43% |
| | | | | | | | | Electorate: 63,739; Turnout: 45.79%; Majority: 11,866 (40.66%) | | | |