

# LEEDS FOR EUROPE

## GENERAL ELECTION 2017 CONSTITUENCY BRIEFING



### Constituency information

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| <b>Current MP</b>   | Rachel Reeves (Lab) |

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### Synopsis

Previous Labour MP, Rachel Reeves, voted for triggering of Article 50. However, with a strong UKIP vote in this constituency in the last election which may be expected to transfer to the Conservatives, there may be some risk of this seat becoming a Conservative gain this time. It is possibly a case of holding your nose and voting Labour to prevent a worse outcome. Note also that Mike Davies of AGC has a strong pro-EU / anti-Brexit position.

### 2017 Election Candidates

| Party                        | Candidate         | Policy  |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Labour                       | Rachel Reeves     | Incumbent MP. Voted for triggering of Article 50.   |
| Liberal Democrat             | Alisdair McGregor |   |
| Conservative                 | Zoe Metcalfe      |   |
| Green                        | Andrew Pointon    |   |
| Alliance for Green Socialism | Mike Davies       | Would vote to revoke Article 50, to remain in Single Market and Customs Union. Would vote to remain in EU. Would campaign for a second referendum to be held. |
| The Yorkshire Party          | Ed Jones          |   |
| UKIP                         | Mark Thackray     |   |

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### Previous general election votes

| 2015  |                  |        |        | 2010   |                  |        |        | 2005  |                  |        |        |
|---|------------------|--------|--------|--|------------------|--------|--------|---|------------------|--------|--------|
| Rachel Reeves †   | Labour           | 18,456 | 48.03% | Reeves RJ  | Labour           | 16,389 | 42.29% | Battle J.D.*  | Labour           | 18,704 | 55.47% |
| Traves  | Conservative     | 7,729  | 20.12% | Coleman R  | Liberal Democrat | 9,373  | 24.19% | Finlay D.   | Liberal Democrat | 5,894  | 17.48% |
| Anne Murgatroyd   | UKIP             | 7,104  | 18.49% | Marjoram JW  | Conservative     | 7,641  | 19.72% | Metcalfe T.A.   | Conservative     | 4,807  | 14.26% |
| Andrew Pointon  | Green            | 3,217  | 8.37%  | Beverley J   | BNP              | 2,377  | 6.13%  | Blackburn D.  | Green            | 2,519  | 7.47%  |
| Laura Coyle   | Liberal Democrat | 1,495  | 3.89%  | Blackburn D  | Green            | 1,832  | 4.73%  | Day A.J. Ms.  | BNP              | 1,166  | 3.46%  |
| Matthew West  | Cannabis         | 217    | 0.56%  | Miles J  | UKIP             | 1,140  | 2.94%  | Sewards D.  | UKIP             | 628    | 1.86%  |
| Ben Mayor   | TUSC             | 205    | 0.53%  | Electorate: 67,453; Turnout: 57.45%; Majority: 7,016<br>notional 10.36% swing Lab to LibDem<br>9.75% boundary change |                  |        |        | Electorate: 62,888; Turnout: 53.62%;<br>Majority: 12,810 (37.99%) |                  |        |        |
| Electorate: 64,950; Turnout: 59.16%;<br>Majority: 10,727 (27.92%) |                  |        |        |  |                  |        |        |   |                  |        |        |