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# ELECTION 2015

After the election, only David Cameron or Ed Miliband will be Prime Minister. The first reason to keep David Cameron in No.10 is that we now have the strongest economic recovery of any Western country. Here in North Somerset we are seeing the benefits with the 5th lowest unemployment of any constituency in the whole of the UK. We cannot afford to go back to Labour's policies of taxing more, spending more and borrowing more of the next generation's money. The second reason is that if we don't have a Conservative government, we will be denied a referendum on Britain's future relationship with the EU. I want us to get much closer to the common

market that we originally joined. But, before we can have a referendum, we need to pass legislation in the House of Commons to enable it to be held. Without a Conservative majority, it will never happen, as Labour and the Liberal Democrats will block it again.

If Labour come back to office, we are likely to return to the open door immigration policy that Labour followed last time. On average, one immigrant came into Britain for every minute that Tony Blair was Prime Minister. For immigration to work properly, we need controlled immigration – not just the right numbers but also



■ Dr Liam Fox at the North Somerset show

determining which individuals come into the country. I have long argued for an Australian style points system to ensure that those who come to Britain have the skills we need and contribute to our national wealth.

One of the worst nightmare scenarios is the possibility of a Labour – SNP coalition

government. Voters in Scotland already get much more money per head than we do. Not only would this situation get worse but the SNP want to abandon our nuclear deterrent – our ultimate guarantee of security in a dangerous world. Would Ed Miliband trade away our safety for the keys to number 10? It is not a risk any of us should be willing to take.



■ Screen shot from the oneminutefox video on local housing. See [www.oneminutefox.com](http://www.oneminutefox.com)

During this election campaign we are making full use of social media and the internet. Dr Liam Fox has a website with news about parliamentary and constituency matters at [www.liamfox.co.uk](http://www.liamfox.co.uk)

Last year we launched a new initiative; OneMinuteFox. [www.oneminutefox.com](http://www.oneminutefox.com) is dedicated to a series of one minute

videos giving Liam's opinions on a wide range of topical subjects including local issues; housing, health, pylons, the local economy, immigration as well as a range of nation issues. The site has received wide coverage in the local and national media and a broadcast in December received over 20,000 views.

Clips will be added throughout the campaign so do visit regularly or register your email address at [www.liamfox.co.uk](http://www.liamfox.co.uk) to receive notifications of updates.

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# COMMENT North Somerset roars ahead



■ Butcombe Brewery—Wrington

Unemployment in our North Somerset constituency has dropped to 0.6% since 2010, making it the fifth lowest in the whole of the UK. The boom, which has seen the area become one of the most affluent in the country, has been even greater than the average growth in the economy in recent years. The long term plan set out by the government has

returned us to stability and confidence. The fall in unemployment is the fastest in the developed world and something that other European countries can only dream of. Lower taxes, deficit reduction and welfare changes have produced a record number of new jobs in the past 5 years. But there is still much to do, there are still risks to our economic recovery out there that we

cannot control – the global economic slowdown, huge levels of international debt and the instability in the Eurozone – but we can control the risk of Labour returning to power with plans to tax, borrow and spend all over again. We don't want Britain to return to the problems we have worked so hard to solve. Only when we have a strong and growing economy

generating greater wealth can we afford to spend money on the things people care about such as the NHS, care of the elderly or education. Only a robust economy can provide the funding we need for the intelligence services and the armed forces we depend upon to keep us safe in a dangerous world.

## DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY? YOU CAN HELP BY HELPING OUR CAMPAIGN TEAM.

Conservatives in North Somerset campaign all year round for and with local people. If you would like to help improve our community why not consider joining our team?

For more information contact North Somerset Conservative Association on 01275 790090

## PYLONS THE BATTLE AGAINST NATIONAL GRID PLANS

The battle against National Grid's plans to put a new generation of electricity pylons across North Somerset has continued – and with some success. New pylon designs will potentially be smaller and have less visual impact. Lines will be moved further away from housing in

Nailsea and a whole line will be dismantled. The fight continues, however, over Tickenham ridge and the route to be taken around Portbury. We have worked closely with local residents groups and North Somerset Council to fight against what National Grid have farcically called “a

consultation”. Following a series of public meetings, I took the issue to the House of Commons where I argued that the whole line should have been put undersea. If we are to have green energy generation then we should have green transmission too. Our countryside should be a top environmental

consideration. I am extremely grateful to all those who have worked together to try to limit the effects of National Grid's plans. It is a great example of what we can achieve together but the battle is far from over. We will continue for as long as it takes.

## SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

In our 2014 constituency survey when asked about local issues that matter most 27% of you said the green belt and 17% said housing.

Here in the Somerset, we have many of the same planning problems that the rest of the country have. None of us object to more housing being built we all understand the need for more affordable housing, especially for young people who have grown up here, so they can continue to be part of the community.

But we have villages here like Yatton, like Claverham, like Backwell where the plans are simply

unsustainable. We don't mind having more housing, but we've got to have the infrastructure that goes with it. We have problems with the congestion on our small roads, we have problems with the capacity of our doctors, we have problems with the land around us, where the water table is very high, where we already have problems with drainage and where housing is going to add to that.

What we require are proper local solutions, to be sorted out by people who understand the area; not by bureaucrats who make decisions about places that they have never heard of.



■ North Somerset pylons





■ Clearance has begun on the line

# PORTISHEAD RAILWAY

## The battle has been won!

In our 2014 constituency survey 22% of you said transport was the most important local issue facing you and your family. The long battle for railway link to Portishead has finally been won with a new station coming and services set to begin in 2019. After years of refusal by the Blair/Brown Labour

governments, the Coalition government reached agreement with North Somerset Council and the rail operators to reintroduce the service. In the House of Commons I commented that Portishead had become “the most overcrowded cul-de-sac in Britain”, and have consistently argued that a new rail link is

essential to help reduce transport problems on the A369, especially at junction 19 of the M5. The development of Portishead has been a spectacular success that we should be very proud of, but the issue of transport was never properly addressed. We now have the opportunity to connect with the national rail network which will be

particularly exciting as the rail link will open around the same time as the crossrail project is completed. The only real risk we face is a change of government and Labour’s obstruction again. That would be an appalling tragedy for a town that has such a wonderful future.

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## CLEVEDON COTTAGE HOSPITAL

In-patient beds in Clevedon hospital have been retained following a successful campaign by the League of Friends, local residents and Dr Liam Fox.

Friends had spent over £500,000 since 2005 on improvements. “With a growing elderly population it is more important than ever that keep beds here” he says. “It enables patients to be treated near family and friends and stops people being sent directly home too early from the acute hospitals”.

Dr Fox tabled a debate in the House of Commons on the subject, pointing out that there had been a community hospital in Clevedon since 1874 and that the League of



# IMMIGRATION

## Campaigning for an “Open and shut” immigration policy



In our 2014 constituency survey 18% of you said Europe and immigration were the most important issues facing you and your family.

I think most people understand that we live in a competitive global economy. And with an ageing population, most accept that we will require some immigration, if we are to up the ratio of those in work

compared to those receiving a pension. But we need to have the right people coming into our country to make that work.

I believe the British people would accept what I call an “open and shut” immigration policy. One that is more open to those that create wealth for our country and more shut to those who would come to consume the




















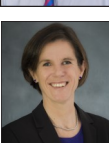
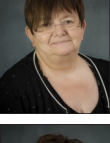
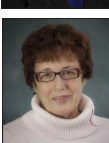

wealth of our country. I think people would see that as a fair and reasonable balance.

We must also tighten up our benefits so that we stop people coming to Britain just to live off welfare, for which they have not contributed.



# YOUR LOCAL CONSERVATIVE TEAM

Prospective conservative candidates for May Local Authority elections

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## NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

North Somerset Local Council elections will be taking place on the same day as the General Election in May. The local government boundary review has resulted in some Wards changing. Your prospective conservative candidates for each Ward are listed to the left.

## YOUR NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

The Conservative administration of North Somerset has been one of the most successful in the country. Whilst having to find £100 million in savings, we have managed to freeze council tax again this year and protect essential services that our residents want. We now have a strong base to take advantage of the return to growth as businesses look at the advantages of being in North Somerset.

First rate schools, Junction 19 delivered, green belt protected, more jobs created as private sector returns to growth, new 5 year investment program announced to make real improvement in the road network, crime down, waste recycling the best ever, further investment in our cycle ways and leisure centers. We are succeeding for our communities by working with the Police and health and partners in real projects. We are a leading participant in the Local Enterprise Partnership, working with international businesses to attract investment, skills and jobs. Others make promises, we make progress. We brought back common sense and control by recognizing it is your council.



■ Nigel Ashton Leader of North Somerset Council

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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- Display a poster
- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party

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**At the election vote to return our Conservative MP and Conservative Council**