

Press Release

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Bye-election Swing Puts Stafford Lib Dems On The Road To Success

Stafford Liberal Democrat members heard at first hand about their parties' success in last weeks Leicester South and Birmingham Hodge Hill by elections.

Borough Councillor David Seary, who spent much of the last three week campaigning at Hodge Hill told a meeting of Party Members that at the last General election the Liberal Democrats had taken only 8% of the vote and were a poor third along way behind the winning Labour candidate. However after a short, but fiercely fought campaign the Liberal Democrats had all but taken the seat with a massive increase in their vote of 26%.

Barry Stamp the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Stafford said that with this sort of swing Stafford was now very much a winnable seat for the party at the next general election and that if the Leicester and Hodge Hill results were repeated locally he would be challenging neck and neck to be the next Member of Parliament for Stafford.

He added, "There is now clearly everything to play for in Stafford. These two bye-elections have not only confirmed just how unpopular this current Government is but also the fact that support for the Conservatives has also crumbled as they were easily beaten into third place. I believe these two bye-elections have sent a clear message to the voters of this area that the Liberal Democrats can, and will, offer the residents of Stafford a real winnable alternative at the next election."

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