# Greater Manchester Muslim Voter Parliamentary Candidate Recommendation **Constituency: Heywood and Middleton North**

### **Background Information**

Current MP: Chris Clarkson, Conservative

How Voted on Ceasefire: Against

Muslim Electorate: 6.6%, 5,300 [Low Impact]

#### **Constituency History**

Source: <u>Constituencies - MPs and Lords - UK</u> Parliament

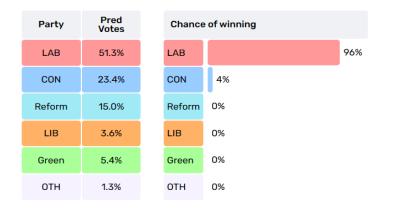
#### Election history of Heywood and Middleton

Shows the recent election history for Heywood and Middleton.

+ CON	2019 General Election Conservative Gain		>
	Majority 663	Electorate <b>80,162</b>	Turnout 59.2%
	2017 General Election Labour Hold		>
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout
	7,617	79,901	62.4%
LAB	2015 General Election Labour Hold		>
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout
	5,299	79,989	60.7%
	09-Oct-2014 By-election Labour Hold		>
LAB	Majority	Electorate	Turnout
	617	79,170	36%
	2010 General Election Labour Hold		>
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout
	5,971	80,171	57.5%

## **Current Polling Prediction**

#### Source: https://www.electoralcalculus.co.uk/



## Preferred Candidate Election History

Tom Shaw's elections

Date	Election	Party	Results	Position
2024	<u>Heywood and Middleton North:</u> <u>UK Parliamentary general</u> <u>election</u>	Liberal Democrats	(Results due after 04 July 2024)	Position not available
2024	<u>West Heywood: Rochdale local</u>	Liberal	387 votes (not	3rd / 4
	election	Democrats	elected)	candidates
2023	<u>West Heywood: Rochdale local</u>	Liberal	232 votes (not	3rd / 3
	<u>election</u>	Democrats	elected)	candidates

## **GMMV** Recommendation

We endorse the Lib Dem candidate, Tom Shaw because:

 Labour is almost certain to win with little opposition and the Muslim voters



cannot affect that predicted outcome. So, the choice of candidate is about demonstrating our opposition to Labour's policies and particularly its stance on Gaza, reducing the Labour majority and supporting a candidate that has spoken up for Gaza.

- 2. There is no Green Party candidate in this constituency.
- 3. There's only a small Muslim electorate, so we cannot affect the outcome, but supporting Green will express the Muslim position to the two main parties.
- 4. The LibDems have consistently called for a Ceasefire in Gaza.
- 5. Tom Shaw (@liberalTomShaw) has tweeted in support of a Gaza ceasefire.