

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: [Constituencies - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament](https://www.parliament.uk/elections/constituencies)

**Election history of Heywood and Middleton**

Shows the recent election history for Heywood and Middleton.

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

**Current Polling Prediction**

Source: <https://www.electoralcalculus.co.uk/>

Party	Pred Votes	Chance of winning
LAB	51.3%	LAB 96%
CON	23.4%	CON 4%
Reform	15.0%	Reform 0%
LIB	3.6%	LIB 0%
Green	5.4%	Green 0%
OTH	1.3%	OTH 0%

**Preferred Candidate Election History**

Tom Shaw's elections

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

**GMMV Recommendation**

We endorse the Lib Dem candidate, Tom Shaw because:



1. 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 Heywood 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.