

Greater Manchester Muslim Voters Parliamentary Candidate Recommendation

Constituency: Leigh and Atherton

Background Information

Current MP: James Grundy, Conservative

How voted on Ceasefire: Against

Muslim Electorate: 1.5%, 1,500 (minimal impact).

Constituency History

This is a new constituency so there is no comparative historical data. The area is strongly Labour and with the Conservative vote split with Reform, there is no realistic challenge to a Labour win, as reflected in the current polling prediction shown below:

Current Polling Prediction

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

Party	2019 Votes	2019 Share	Pred Votes	Chance of winning	
CON	21,865	46.5%	21.4%	CON	1%
LAB	19,502	41.4%	55.2%	LAB	99%
Reform	2,649	5.6%	16.3%	Reform	0%
LIB	2,071	4.4%	4.1%	LIB	0%
OTH	909	1.9%	0.5%	OTH	0%
Green	76	0.2%	2.6%	Green	0%
CON Majority	2,363	5.0%	33.8% LAB Maj		

Preferred Candidate Election History

Source: [Amelia Jones for Leigh and Atherton in the UK Parliamentary general election \(whocanivote.co.uk\)](#)

Amelia Jones's elections

Date	Election	Party	Results	Position
2024	Leigh and Atherton: UK Parliamentary general election	Green Party	(Results due after 04 July 2024)	Position not available
2023	Carnforth & Millhead: Lancaster local election	Green Party	141 votes (not elected)	7th / 9 candidates

Please note our local elections database only goes back to 2016.

Candidates

[Craig Buckley](#)

English Democrats



[Amelia Jones](#)

Green Party



[Jo Platt](#)

Labour and Co-operative Party



[Stuart David Thomas](#)

Liberal Democrats



[Michael William Winstanley](#)

Conservative and Unionist Party



[George Woodward](#)

Reform UK



GMMV Recommendation

We endorse the Green party candidate, Amelia Jones because:

1. In October 2023, the Party issued a call for an immediate ceasefire, for the provision of immediate humanitarian aid, and for or a just political settlement based on the end of occupation of the Palestinian territories.
2. Labour is predicted to win, with Conservative and Reform both jostling for second place at around 15%-20% vote share each. We do not expect to be able to over-turn this Labour lead through the Muslim vote. So, the strategy is to send a strong message from the Muslim electorate and reduce the Labour majority.
3. The Green Party is predicted to come fifth, on a 2.6% vote share, up from 0.2% in 2019 – so showing a significant increase in support compared to the LibDems and others that are predicted a smaller vote share than in 2019.
4. Amelia has made positive statements on NHS, anti-privatisation, usual Green Party policies on environment and has previously stood for Councillor.