

Greater Manchester Muslim Voter Parliamentary Candidate Recommendation  
**Constituency: Manchester Withington**

**Background Information**





**Current MP:** Jeff Smith, Labour

**How Voted on Ceasefire:** Abstain

**Muslim Electorate:** 15.3%, 11,709 [Sig Impact]

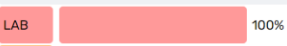
**Constituency History**

Source: [Constituencies - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament](#)

	<b>2019 General Election</b> Labour Hold			
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout	
	<b>27,905</b>	<b>76,530</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	
	<b>2017 General Election</b> Labour Hold			
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout	
	<b>29,875</b>	<b>74,654</b>	<b>71.8%</b>	
	<b>2015 General Election</b> Labour Gain			
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout	
	<b>14,873</b>	<b>74,102</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	
	<b>2010 General Election</b> Liberal Democrat Hold			
	Majority	Electorate	Turnout	
	<b>1,894</b>	<b>74,371</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	

**Current Polling Prediction**

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

Party	2019 Votes	2019 Share	Pred Votes	Chance of winning
LAB	35,902	67.7%	69.8%	
LIB	7,997	15.1%	5.0%	0%
CON	5,820	11.0%	4.7%	0%
Green	1,968	3.7%	7.9%	0%
Reform	1,308	2.5%	11.7%	0%
OTH	0	0.0%	0.8%	0%
<b>LAB Majority</b>	<b>27,905</b>	<b>52.7%</b>	<b>58.1% Pred Maj</b>	

**Preferred Candidate Election History**

Richard Kilpatrick's elections

Date	Election	Party	Results	Position
2024	<a href="#">Manchester Withington: UK Parliamentary general election</a>	Liberal Democrats	(Results due after 04 July 2024)	Position not available
2023	<a href="#">Didsbury West: Manchester local election</a>	Liberal Democrats	2,260 votes (elected)	1st / 5 candidates
2021	<a href="#">Didsbury West: Manchester local election</a>	Liberal Democrats	2,282 votes (not elected)	2nd / 6 candidates
2019	<a href="#">Bury South: UK Parliamentary general election</a>	Liberal Democrats	2,315 votes (not elected)	3rd / 8 candidates
2018	<a href="#">Didsbury West: Manchester local election</a>	Liberal Democrats	1,994 votes (elected)	2nd / 10 candidates
2017	<a href="#">Leigh: UK Parliamentary general election</a>	Liberal Democrats	951 votes (not elected)	4th / 4 candidates
2016	<a href="#">Miles Platting and Newton Heath: Manchester local election</a>	Liberal Democrats	116 votes (not elected)	4th / 5 candidates
2015	<a href="#">Middlesbrough: UK Parliamentary general election</a>	Liberal Democrats	1,220 votes (not elected)	5th / 5 candidates

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

**GMMV Recommendation**

We recommend the Lib Dem candidate, Richard Kilpatrick because:

1. Jeff Smith, a member of the Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) did not vote for a ceasefire 15th of November 2023. He also failed to sign an Early Day Motion that calls for the end to the siege on Gaza and allow AID into the Gaza Strip. He, also failed to sign a motion to suspend UK arms export licences to Israel and failed to sign the motion supporting the ICJ ruling.
2. The LibDem party has consistently called for a Ceasefire in Gaza
3. Richard Kilpatrick has responded positively to our pledge's questionnaire.
4. He has a long history of standing in elections and is currently the Councillor of Didsbury West, so has some electoral backing.
5. Manchester Withington is predominantly a two-horse race between Lib Dem and Labour.
6. If the Muslim electorate vote for someone other than the Lib Dem candidate, then this could result in Labour retaining the seat.