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## ON SOUTHEND WEST

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**General Election**  **Thursday 12 December 2019**

# VOTE NINA FOR A HOME WIN!



This is my town. I want  
the best for all of us

**By Nina Stimson**

*Lib Dem parliamentary candidate for Southend West*

THIS election is like no other. Rushed, at the wrong time of year with Brexit dominating the agenda.

We are voting about what type of country we want to live in. And it is the most important vote since the end of World War Two.

The Tories, under Boris Johnson, have lurched to the hard right – a party of lies, bluff and bluster; Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party are offering a re-nationalised wonderland that will end in tears as the money runs out.

Liberal Democrats are the adults in the room. Our leader Jo Swinson has a clear vision. Remain in the EU, use the £50billion 'Remain' bonus to improve the NHS, schools, police, social care and the environment. She wants to build a brighter future.

That is one of two reasons why I am standing to be your member of parliament.

The other reason is simple and personal. This has been my home for 45 years. I'm proud of our town, I care about it and I want the best for all of us.

Southend West needs a new champion, a new voice. Please vote for me on December 12.

I won't let you down.

**Nina Stimson** 

# OUR 2020s VISION

## Climate change



CLIMATE change tops our agenda for good reason. Without changes now, there will be no future.

The LibDems will generate 80% of electricity from renewables by 2030, insulate all low-income homes by 2025, invest in public transport and ban

fracking for good. Locally, Lib Dem councillors, led by Carole Mulroney, lead the way, including plans for 1,000 extra trees over the next three years to help combat the air pollution that causes health problems and shortens lives.

## Education



THE Conservatives have starved our schools of cash.

Funding for schools in Southend West has effectively been cut by over £15 million – yes, £15 million! – since 2015. No wonder your children or grandchildren tell you teachers and teaching assistants have gone.

A LibDem government will

reverse those frontline cuts – an emergency cash injection next year and higher spending over the next 5 years to boost teaching numbers (with measures to attract and retain teachers), plus essential support for SEND children.

And we've pledged free childcare from 9 months to give all children the best start.

## Crime and policing



SOUTHEND is safer than some other towns, but we're far from crime free.

The Conservatives cut police funding – now they are trying to talk tough on crime.

Tough talk isn't enough! We will invest £1 billion across the country to restore community policing that prevents crime and makes people feel safe. What

does that mean here? Two new police officers in every ward (18 more in Southend West, 34 across the borough).

A separate fund will help repair youth services and see police, teachers, health professionals, youth workers and social services work together to prevent young people falling prey to gangs and violence.

## NHS and Social Care



NHS and social care are in crisis under the Conservatives.

LibDems will build a joined-up health and care system and treat mental health with the same urgency as physical health.

And we will listen better! Like you, I was shocked and dismayed when Conservative Health Secretary Matt Hancock dismissed local concerns over hospital reorganisation without proper consideration.

We would raise one tax. 1p on Income Tax to raise an additional £7 billion a year, just for the NHS and social care.

We desperately need more doctors and nurses (and to train more ourselves; Conservative targets have not been met...) but fears of Brexit and a hostile immigration system have pushed away so many valued doctors and nurses from Europe and elsewhere.

## Stop Brexit for a brighter future



THE Liberal Democrats are clear how to build a brighter future.

We want to remain in the EU. And we will use the £50 billion 'Remain' bonus to invest in public services and tackle inequality.

It's a different story for the other main parties.

The Tories and Boris Johnson trot out 'Get Brexit Done' ad infinitum. It is complete and utter nonsense.

If we leave the European Union, the United Kingdom will spend the next 15 years mired in trade talks, attempting to get back to where we are now.

Trust is a big word ...

especially in politics. But trust in Boris Johnson disappeared between the lies and bluster.

As for Labour and Jeremy Corbyn. Does he want Brexit? He won't say. But he does want to go back to renegotiate yet another deal! Meanwhile, Labour's renationalisation plans don't go down well with forward-thinking voters here.

One more point. Whether it's the lingering stench of anti-semitism from Labour or Islamophobia from the Tories, let's stop the hate. For good.

The Lib Dems offer a new way forward, a brighter future, not the same old story. Join our vision for the 2020s.

# Vote Liberal Democrat ... Vote Nina Stimson

# Things have changed since 2017

# LABOUR CAN'T WIN HERE NOW

*If you live in Southend West, the two most recent elections show a clear trend to the Liberal Democrats (and away from Labour, which has lost votes)! Don't take a chance and split the vote - support the Liberal Democrats, the strongest Remain party.*



## Euro Election 2019 in Southend

% increase/decrease in number of votes cast vs 2014

Lib Dems  
+12.7%



## Local Election 2019 in Southend West

Votes +/- vs 2018

Lib Dems  
+358

Cons  
-2433

Lab  
-1071

Cons  
-17.8%

Lab  
-5.7%

### European elections June 2019, Southend

**result:** Lib Dems beat the Greens, Labour and the Conservatives; Lib Dem share of vote UP 12.7% to 18.3%. Labour share DOWN 5.7% to less than 10% (now behind the Green Party).

### Southend Council local elections, May 2019, Southend West seats:

Lib Dems overtook Labour to take 20.2% of the vote (Labour: 19.2%); Labour vote across Southend West DOWN; dropped by more than 1,000