

Martyn Davis

My name is Martyn Davis. I am married to Tracey, who is a teacher, we have three children. I grew up in South London, and attended the local comprehensive school, and am the first and only member of my family to attend university; I have worked within education since leaving university, recently acted as an interim principal of a residential college for students with severe behaviour problems; and I have worked as a freelance education consultant since 2004.

My reasons for making this application are because I believe that I am well positioned to represent the constituency of Holborn and St Pancras. My business is centred in London, I am an educational consultant and most of my professional life is based within the Holborn, St. Pancras and Euston area. I live in London during the week, and if selected would move into the constituency

Holborn and St Pancras have a vibrant and diverse constituency to be proud of, and I would want to build on the good work that has already been done and the example of Frank Dobson. I would fight hard for those whose lives have been made harder over the last four years of this privilege led Coalition Government. For example, the Government's austerity programme is hitting Holborn and St Pancras hard, with more people than ever desperate for a home that they can afford, and often very worried at the operation of the Department for Work and Pensions benefit cap and the effect on high cost areas like Holborn and St Pancras. If ever there was a case for control and regulation of the private rented housing sector it is now, because of the systematic depopulation of Central London due to high rents. We need a London-wide and national effort to provide homes for rent by local authorities.

If selected I would continue Frank Dobson's opposition to the proposed £50 billion High Speed 2 train project which will demolish the homes of over 500 local people in this constituency and expose over 5,000 more to living next to the noise, filth, air pollution and general disruption of the Euston construction site for a decade or more. Throughout my political and professional life I have fought for basic rights such as affordable housing, health care and education for all, as well as working to protect the human rights of those who are less privileged than many of us, and for whom every day is a struggle, such as those in developing countries. My Labour party activities have included being a CLP Chair and CLP Secretary, Political Education Officer and Local Councillor; I was the Chair of the Regulatory Board. I have been the CLP Agent for general and local elections

I support the trade union movement (I have been a member of the GMB for some years) and its historic links with labour, sometimes the relationship has issues but that is the nature of effective partnerships, I believe in access of all to good health services and free at the point of need, and I believe in the provision of outstanding education for all students, retraining for older people. I believe in public service and the greatest honour in public service is being an MP. In addition I believe that we should be working for community cohesion and understanding; not letting parties like UKIP and increasingly the Conservatives, to increase racial disharmony. I believe that the Labour Party is the best party to improve the fortunes of our country; I hope that you will allow me to become your candidate.