

# THE CHOICE AT THIS ELECTION

Dear Elector,

It is the duty of an MP to examine his conscience, apply his judgement, and speak out accordingly. I did so for 13 years in Opposition and have done so ever since we entered Government in 2010.

- For the past 5 years, we have made good progress in reducing the Deficit, cutting Income Tax, capping the Welfare Budget, creating Jobs and Apprenticeships, and reforming Education. *Most people accept that the Economy is growing stronger, month by month. A Labour Government would put all this at risk.*
- Yet, much more is at stake if we elect another 'hung' Parliament. As we saw after 2010, *Coalitions distort democracy.* Minor parties – such as the Liberal Democrats – blackmail the major parties by playing each off against the other. Policies emerge which have little connection with manifesto pledges, but result instead from secret, backroom deals.
- For example, the contracts for Britain's new Trident submarines should have been signed before now. Instead, they were postponed until 2016 at the insistence of the Liberals Democrats. Two-thirds of the British people support keeping our nuclear weapons as long as other countries have them. Despite this, *our deterrent could be cancelled completely if the Lib-Dems or the Scottish Nationalists hold the balance of power next time.*



New aircraft carrier at Rosyth



Syria debate speech

- When the Coalition tried to sell-off our Forests, I voted against it and was thanked by the Verderers *"for standing by the Forest in its moment of need"*. Later, the plan was dropped – as were other dangerous schemes, such as intervening in the Syrian civil war and replacing the experts in the House of Lords with yet more party politicians.
- On the European Union, 81 MPs – including me – insisted that the British people must have a vote on whether to stay in or leave. Now an 'IN/OUT' referendum is official Conservative policy. If David Cameron remains Prime Minister, he is committed to holding one. *Whenever it happens, I shall campaign and vote for the United Kingdom to leave the EU.*
- The respected Bruges Group places me in the top 6 out of 650 MPs, for opposing the EU Superstate. The Prime Minister personally appointed me as one of just 3 Conservative MPs on the Intelligence and Security Committee. My voice is one of the loudest *calling for Britain to spend at least 2 percent of GDP on Defence, as recommended by NATO.*

These are dangerous days and uncertain times. With your support, I aim to keep Ministers' minds firmly focused on the safety and security of our country.

Yours sincerely,  
Julian Lewis