THE CHOICE AT THIS ELECTION

Dear Elector,

Two years ago, my main General Election leaflet spelt out the grim situation we faced after 5 years of shared government with the Liberal Democrats. In order to obtain an EU Referendum for the British people, 81 Conservative MPs (including me) had to rebel against Coalition policy. The renewal of our nuclear deterrent had been shamefully postponed to keep the Liberal Democrats happy, and there was doubt if we would meet our NATO obligation to spend a bare 2 per cent of GDP on Defence.



Brexiteers – Sir Desmond Swayne, David Davis (Brexit Secretary) and Julian

- Thanks to the overall Conservative majority achieved in 2015 against expectations we have held the Referendum; we have voted, at last, to build the next generation of Trident submarines; and we have just about met the NATO spending guideline, though this is still less than our Armed Forces need.
- Together with many others, I strongly campaigned for the UK to leave the EU. Despite the hysteria of "Project Fear", the British people voted to do so and – following its change of leadership – the Conservative Party united behind Theresa May to ensure that the Referendum result would not be stolen from the majority of voters, as has often happened in other EU member states.
- The Liberal Democrats have made it perfectly clear that, if they get back into government, they will do everything they can to overturn the Referendum. Here they share common ground with Tony Blair who, with a significant section of the Labour Party, will stop at nothing to prevent us from taking back control of our own affairs.

- These Lib-Lab schemers have, therefore, come up with new terms which were never used until they lost the Referendum: so-called "HARD" and "SOFT" Brexit. "HARD" Brexit means saying that we're going to leave the EU and actually doing it, whilst "SOFT" Brexit means saying that we're going to leave the EU but remaining in it in all but name.
- All this boils down to a single, simple fact: only a Conservative Government led by Theresa May can be relied upon to do what the British people demanded in June last year. She recognised straight away that attempts would be made – regardless of the Referendum vote – to prevent our sovereignty from being restored. That is why she needs a larger majority in Parliament to strengthen her hand when legislating at home and negotiating abroad. With your support, her strong start as our Prime Minister will be boosted by the mandate she deserves.

