

Ballot for members of the new North Wiltshire Constituency Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.

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Dear Member,

You are about to be asked if you wish James Gray to be our Prospective Parliamentary candidate at the next General Election. We **MUST** return a Conservative MP and we urge you to **consider carefully whether Mr. Gray should now be your sole choice** or whether you would prefer to consider him along with other candidates for the following reasons.

1. **Your Executive Council has already rejected him as their candidate**, and branches and individuals have indicated they will no longer support him either financially or physically.
2. There have been **months of negative publicity**, both national and local, that have damaged Mr. Gray's reputation and reflected on our Association.
3. We are aware that **an independent candidate will stand against Mr. Gray** if he remains our candidate. This would split the vote and could let in a Liberal Democrat.
4. **Mr. Gray has lacked political judgement**. Days after being appointed Shadow Scottish Secretary he was sacked for riding roughshod over party policy. During the last General Election campaign he used his wife's illness to curry favour and was then forced to admit to a long-term relationship with a married woman.
5. The majority of **Conservative councillors** preparing for this year's District Council elections **refuse to have his endorsement** on their literature.
6. **Mr. Gray assured a previous Association chairman** that he would divulge any matter that would harm the party or Association in the run up to the General Election – **then failed to disclose his relationship with a married woman**.
7. **Without consulting local councillors, he issues press releases and statements**, often at odds with local Conservative policy and illustrating his inability in the eyes of the Association, County and District councillors to be a team player. **At the last election two agents resigned, as they could not work with him**.

Yours sincerely,



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