

Rejoin EU Party announce Batley and Spen candidate Andrew Smith, who says “Brexit has not delivered the benefits promised to the people of Batley and Spen and Labour, under the leadership of Keir Starmer, are letting this corrupt Tory Government hand out billions of pounds of tax payer money to their Brexit supporting cronies.”

Following their success in the London Mayoral and Assembly Elections and their decision to stand in Chesham and Amersham, Rejoin EU have announced that Andrew Smith will be standing in Batley and Spen. Andrew only became active in politics as he became disillusioned with the main political parties trying to sweep the damage of Brexit under the carpet. Andrew said ‘As the son of a Yorkshire man and with family living in Leeds I know that the stereotypical view of remainers and brexitters is wrong. In Batley and Spen 40 percent of people voted to remain, yet no-one is prepared to talk about them, let alone represent their views.’

Andrew Smith, who spent some of his childhood living in Bradford, has a degree in Environmental Sciences and is a qualified accountant who was the Finance Director of a leading insurance company before becoming the Chief Executive of one of the largest pension schemes in the country. He is now a pension scheme trustee, which he combines with his political activity for Rejoin EU.

Speaking after his nomination papers were filed for Batley and Spen, Andy Smith said he was delighted to be the Party’s candidate for the 1 July election. “Keir Starmer is failing to provide a vision of the future which resonates with the voters. He thinks that “not being a tory and ignoring Brexit will be sufficient to get him elected.” he said. “But Brexit has driven a wedge through the country and that wedge may even lead to the UK being split up. It is not good enough for Starmer to ignore the views of the majority of people in his party who know that Brexit was a mistake. I hope that my candidature in Batley and Spen helps to show that across the country, in both remain voting and leave voting areas, there are people frustrated that their voices and concern for the future of the country are being ignored. Brexit is broken and it is breaking Britain.”

Richard Hewison, leader of Rejoin EU, welcomed Andrew Smith’s nomination. “We are delighted to be able to stand a candidate in Batley and Spen, which was promised so much by Brexit but which can now see has been delivered nothing.” he said. “The election should be seen as a judgement on Keir Starmer’s leadership and the stance he has taken on Brexit. Rejoin EU is the only party which wholeheartedly advocates for Rejoining the EU. The outcome of this by-election cannot change the Conservative majority in Westminster. It is however an opportunity for those people who recognise that the country has been subjected to the biggest con in recent political history to support the Rejoin EU Party and a candidate who will campaign unambiguously for a brighter, wealthier, safer, more sustainable and more influential future in Europe.”

Rejoin EU has a single policy, which is for the UK to rejoin the European Union. It will campaign vigorously for this to happen as soon as possible.