



## **Hereditary peers' by-election**

This notice confirms the arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of the Lord Elton on 29 October 2020.

### ***Electors***

Lord Elton was one of 15 hereditary peers elected by the whole House in 1999 from among those ready to serve as Deputy Speakers or in any other office. Therefore, under Standing Order 9 (7), his successor will be elected by the whole House. In 1999 the House agreed that a peer elected at a by-election in this category should not be expected to serve as a Deputy Speaker. Under the terms of an informal agreement amongst the parties and groups in the House of Lords, it is expected that this vacancy will be filled by an hereditary peer who will sit as a Conservative member of the House.

All members of the House who have taken the oath on or before 7 July are eligible to vote, except those who are: subject to statutory disqualification; suspended from the service of the House; or on leave of absence.

### ***Candidates***

Those eligible to be candidates are hereditary peers on the register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 12 noon on Wednesday 30 June. 13 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is below. Candidates were invited but not required to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

### ***Voting timetable***

This by-election will be conducted using electronic means.

An email containing full voting instructions and link to the online voting website will be sent to the parliamentary email address of each member eligible to vote around 8am on Tuesday 13 July from [takepart@cesvotes.com](mailto:takepart@cesvotes.com). The subject line will be: "Elton by-election – voting link." The email will contain instructions on how votes can be cast online in this election. Members will be instructed to click on a link in the email which will direct them to a login page for the secure website. Members can then click through to the voting page where details of the candidates standing in the election are available. Once the Member has made their selection they will be asked to confirm their votes before submission.

Voting will take place online from 10am on Tuesday 13 July until 5pm on Wednesday 14 July. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Thursday 15 July.

No electors registered for postal votes so no ballot papers will be sent by post for this by-election.

### ***Voting system***

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. The Alternative Vote system will be used.

Voters will place the name of the candidate they most strongly support at the top of the digital ballot paper, then place their next most favoured candidate below, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish. In order to be elected, the first successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidates receiving the lowest number of first preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total valid votes.

Ballot papers will be invalidated if:

- in the opinion of the Returning Officer (the Clerk of the Parliaments) the ballot paper is illegible or ambiguous.

## **Results**

The electronic count will be overseen by Civica Election Services.

The result will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Thursday 15 July 2021.

The full results, including the number of first-preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

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SIMON BURTON  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

## List of candidates

Carnarvon, E.  
De La Warr, E.  
De Ramsey, L.  
Dormer, L.  
Elibank, L.  
Harlech, L.  
Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)  
Margadale, L.  
Mountgarret, V. (*L. Mountgarret*)  
Napier and Ettrick, L.  
Stockton, E.  
Strathcarron, L.  
Windlesham, L.

## Candidature statements

### **Carnarvon, E.**

My contribution to debates and committees in the House of Lords would be based on my experience of small business, farming, tourism and countryside/heritage matters in running and developing Highclere Estate. I have been an investor and worked in small software and technology companies. We have an international outlook to the world at Highclere via our online presence and using our IP & Trade Marks are developing new products for the US & global markets.

### **De La Warr, E.**

I seek to continue my family's service in both Houses.

My passions are environmental issues, regenerative farming as an organic livestock farmer; and the hospitality industry as proprietor of our village pub.

I built and own our Community Surgery and served as a volunteer in the Royal Marsden. Being Vice President of the R.B.S.T and Chairman of the Traditional Sussex Cattle Club. Am DL of East Sussex and have a long career in Financial Services.

### **De Ramsey, L.**

We live in an urban nation represented by an urban Parliament faced by environmental problems. Therefore the widest range of expertise is essential to their Lordships. The loss of Lord Selbourne was a disaster though Lord Leicester is a worthy replacement.

At 19, I started farming on 125 acres ending as Chairman of the Environment Agency. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to our Country's longterm solutions for both the countryside and the environment.

### **Dormer, L.**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Lord Dormer, I live in Berkshire, easily commutable to Westminster. At 22, I became Chair of Jesmond Young Conservatives. In 2001, I canvassed for Boris on the doorsteps of Henley. A European and Conservative at heart, Brexit was a challenge to my politics. I stand today as a staunch supporter of our Government's Covid-19 response, and the Integrated Review. I will bring the House expertise from a career in defence and aerospace.

**Elibank, L.**

In my 35 year career, I have worked in Technology ( Virgin Media ), in Energy ( EDF ) and currently in Higher Education for Reading University . The latter two have given me considerable insight into the challenges of a sustainable future. I would relish the opportunity to work collaboratively in the Lords to tackle these issues. I have a degree in International Relations and am a member of the Conservative Party.

**Harlech, L.**

Having lived and worked in North Wales and London, I feel that I have a balanced view of rural and urban matters. I have the capacity and drive to be a regular serving member of the House, if elected.

Areas of interest: Heritage, farming, housing, rural affairs, culture, media and sport.

Serving committee member: CLA Cymru, Historic Homes Wales.

Education: Eton College, Central Saint Martins

Army Reservist: The London Regiment (attested Jan 2019)

**Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)**

Age 58. London and Sussex based. Desire and capacity for active role in Conservative Lords.

Useful and varied career experience.

FCO with postings in Paris (ENA, first British diplomat in Quai d'Orsay), Senegal and Jordan. Fluent French, Russian. Some Spanish, Arabic and Wolof.

Infrastructure lawyer and banker in London, Moscow and Dubai.

Active investor in Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Running diversified farm including renewables, wilding, weddings, camping, MicroBrewery.

Key interests: Foreign Policy, Trade, Environment, Education, Planning

**Margadale, L.**

Educated at Harrow, the RAC, Cirencester. I worked in commodities before starting my own catering business. I owned and ran a small hotel before managing our family estates in Wiltshire and the Isle of Islay. Was President of Salisbury Conservative Association.

Currently chairman of Salisbury Racecourse and a DL of Wiltshire.

Proper representation of matters rural in government is vital. I believe that the successful future of Scotland lies within the Union.

**Mountgarret, V. (L. Mountgarret)**

*No statement submitted*

**Napier and Etrick, L.**

I believe that my life experience as someone who has succeeded in business despite significant challenges, due to a severe hearing impairment, would enable me to make a distinctive and valuable contribution to the House. I believe that a more representative House is a stronger House, both in terms of quality of debate but also, in relation to public perception. My election could help challenge popular preconceptions and strengthen the House. Regular and diligent attendee.

**Stockton, E.**

Journalist and Foreign Correspondent, Glasgow Herald, Daily Telegraph.

House of Lords 1986-1999; European Parliament 1999-2004.

South Bucks District Council 2011-2016.

Director and Chairman Macmillan Publishers, landowner in Sussex and Devon.

Governor of two London secondary schools. Chairman CENTEC.

Trustee for six charities, ran appeals for RNIB and St. Mary-le-Strand.

Bi-lingual French, some Spanish.

Resident 50 minutes from Parliament by public transport. Would attend assiduously.

**Strathcarron, L.**

I can offer the House experience in under-represented areas: media, communications, digital and the Creative Industries. As a multinational publisher, a producer and author, I know well areas of interest to the Communications and Digital Committee. If offered, I would relish a junior DCMS front bench role. As a regular ACP attendee, I understand the commitment expected and have the time and location to honour it. For further background please see my Wikipedia entry.

**Windlesham, L.**

If I were to be elected I would commit myself to being a working Peer, making use of my experience to improve legislation.

My main areas of expertise are project and asset finance and a current major focus is on the development of green and sustainable funding solutions.

I therefore have a clear view of what will be necessary for the Government to “Build Back Better” while meeting the commitment for Net Zero by 2050.