

## **Conservative hereditary peers' by-election**

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Viscount Ridley

### ***Electors***

Viscount Ridley was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(b), among the “42 peers elected by the Conservative hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 9(6), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, of whom there are currently 45<sup>1</sup> eligible to vote. A list is below.

### ***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 5 pm on Monday 24 January. Ten candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is on page 3. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are on pages 4 and 5.

### ***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 8 February from [takepart@cesvotes.com](mailto:takepart@cesvotes.com). The subject line will be: “Ridley 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 until to 5pm on Tuesday 8 February. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Wednesday 9 February.

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

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<sup>1</sup> This figure comprises 36 hereditary peers elected by Conservative hereditary peers who currently are in the Conservative group (excluding Lord Rotherwick who is due to retire on 1 February 2022); and nine hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Conservative group.

## **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.

## **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 Wednesday 9 February 2022.

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)

28 January 2022

SIMON BURTON  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

## List of electors

*Elected by a party or group and sitting as Conservative peers:*<sup>2</sup>

Altrincham, L.	Henley, L.
Arran, E.	Home, E.
Ashton of Hyde, L.	Howe, E.
Astor of Hever, L.	Leicester, E.
Astor, V.	Lindsay, E.
Attlee, E.	Liverpool, E.
Bethell, L.	Lucas, L.
Brabazon of Tara, L.	Mancroft, L.
Bridgeman, V.	Montrose, D.
Caithness, E.	Moynihan, L.
Cathcart, E.	Northbrook, L.
Courtown, E.	Sandhurst, L.
Crathorne, L.	Shrewsbury, E.
De Mauley, L.	Strathclyde, L.
Dundee, E.	Swinfen, L.
Fairfax of Cameron, L.	Trefgarne, L.
Glenarthur, L.	Trenchard, V.
Goschen, V.	Younger of Leckie, V.

*Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:*

Borwick, L.  
Brougham and Vaux, L.  
Colgrain, L.  
Colwyn, L.  
Eccles, V.  
Geddes, L.  
Harlech, L.  
Reay, L.  
Ullswater, V.

## List of candidates

Ashcombe, L.  
Biddulph, L.  
Camrose, V.  
De La Warr, E.  
Dormer, L.  
Dudley, E.  
Limerick, E. (*Foxford, L.*)  
Monckton of Brenchley, V.  
Strathcarron, L.  
Windlesham, L.

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<sup>2</sup> Lord Rotherwick retires from the House of Lords on 1 February 2022 so is not included in the list.

## Candidature statements

### **Ashcombe, L.**

I have a longstanding interest in politics and would very much like to support the work of the House. With an Imperial College civil engineering degree and over thirty years' experience in the insurance industry, I work for Marsh primarily in the Americas energy sector. This involves patient negotiation with multiple parties. I live in Hampshire and London, am married with two grown up sons, race on the Solent and garden enthusiastically.

### **Biddulph, L.**

I have always felt that in the House of Lords an honest opinion is the best one. I am always happy to be called on to serve.

### **Camrose, V.**

Aged 51 and live in London. Member of the Conservative Party and have always voted Conservative. As a management consultant, business-founder and investor, I advise my clients – from small enterprises to global corporations – on how to adapt themselves to a changing world. I hope to bring my expertise and energy to enhancing the Lords' reputation and public recognition for its contribution. I have control of my time and would commit and participate with enthusiasm.

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

The media claim the Conservative party is in dire straits. I do not agree but nonetheless some changes of direction may be necessary. I am older than some other candidates and come from a long line of Politicians. I believe I can bring experience and stability along with the necessary time required. Without listing my many political interests, I feel sure I can make a positive contribution to your Lordships House.

### **Dormer, L.**

With over 35 years' experience in business with engineering and manufacturing products, I bring an in-depth knowledge of the British and international maritime and aerospace sector to the House. Having represented SME interests on a number of trade association committees, I have championed modern engineering apprenticeships. I have a degree in Naval Architecture, a Cranfield MBA and an ILM diploma in leadership. I live in Berkshire with my wife and am a Conservative party member.

### **Dudley, E.**

Herewith presenting my credentials -

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=technodemic](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=technodemic)

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

Age 58. London and Sussex based. Patron of Mid Sussex Conservatives.

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.
- Lawyer and banker in London, Moscow and Dubai financing SME's and infrastructure.
- Former school governor and active charity trustee.
- Running diversified farm including renewables, wilding, weddings, camping. MicroBrewery.

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

**Monckton of Brenchley, V.**

Let this be thine: to live a life upright,

Do harm to none, and give to each his due.

(Justinian's advice to law students: *Institutes*, I:1).

I concur with my noble friend Lord Ridley that dispassionate science should supplant "The Science".

The notion of large global warming arose from an elementary scientific error.

The crippling abatement cost extravagantly exceeds any legitimately-quantifiable benefit.

Through spinning reserves, adding renewables to electricity grids increases CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**Strathcarron, L.**

I can offer the House experience in less well-represented areas: media, communications, digital and the Creative Industries. As a multinational publisher, a producer and an author, I am familiar with the work of the Communications and Digital Committee and could be of practical value to it. As a regular ACP attendee, I understand the commitment expected and have the time and location to honour it. For more background please see my Wikipedia page.

**Windlesham, L.**

If I were to be elected I would make a good, dedicated Conservative Peer, using my knowledge and experience to improve legislation and to help the Government deliver on its agenda.

Prior to a career in investment banking I studied electronic and electrical engineering at university. This combination gives me the skill set to look at policy issues from a technical perspective.

I am an active and committed member of my local Conservative Association (KCFC).