

# FRANK FIELD

## Working hard for Birkenhead

### VOTE LABOUR ON 8th JUNE

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## ELECTION ADDRESS

**It is a huge privilege to serve Birkenhead in Parliament. If I am fortunate enough to be returned as our town's MP, I pledge that amongst other goals I will:**

### **1. DELIVER A FIRST-CLASS SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BIRKENHEAD**

Since the last general election, I have fought cases on behalf of a thousand local residents who have contacted me for help. Success for local residents has brought hundreds of thousands of pounds into our town – often to some of our most vulnerable residents – and gained justice in many hundreds of other cases. I have also attended hundreds of public meetings in Birkenhead which have delivered a series of victories for local residents. In the next Parliament, I will continue to serve Birkenhead, our country, and the true values of the Labour Party to the best of my abilities.

### **2. ALWAYS PUT THE INTERESTS OF BIRKENHEAD AND THE COUNTRY FIRST**

I was one of ten independent Labour MPs who campaigned for our country to leave the European Union. I believe our country should control its own borders, its own laws, and its own taxpayers' money. But I do not believe the government should be given a free rein to return from the Brexit negotiations with a settlement that makes our country poorer and less fair. In the next Parliament, I will campaign for a Brexit settlement that delivers greater prosperity and fairness for the whole country. I will vote against an unfair settlement.

### **3. CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW, FULLY FUNDED NATIONAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICE**

Our local NHS and social care services are struggling to cope with greater demands and inadequate resources. I have submitted a proposal with cross-party backing for a ring-fenced, progressive National Insurance system to fund a new National Health and Social Care Service which will meet our country's needs for the next generation. In the next Parliament, I will build pressure on the government to implement this proposal.

### **4. FIGHT FOR GREATER INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION FROM PREGNANCY ONWARDS**

Children's chances of doing well at school and earning a decent living in adulthood are largely determined within their first few years of life. They are shaped by their parents, the support that is given to their mother during pregnancy, the services that are there to help during toddlerhood, and the teaching they receive throughout their childhood. In the next Parliament, I will campaign for greater investment in education at all ages to improve the life chances of disadvantaged children.

### **5. WORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT AND CREATE JOBS**

After the last general election, I lobbied successfully for a level playing field that resulted in Cammell Laird being able to win its biggest commercial shipbuilding order since I was first elected Birkenhead's MP. In the next Parliament, I will continue to work with local businesses to attract the investment and support they need to thrive and create local jobs that pay good wages. I will also campaign for the government to offer all young people the chance to complete short apprenticeships that will give them the skills they need to earn a decent living.

### **6. PUSH FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AN END TO HOMELESSNESS**

Since the last general election, I have delivered plans for hundreds of new homes in our area, as well as action to return empty properties to use and improvements in the condition of the existing housing stock. I have also initiated discussions for the building of dozens of new units specifically to prevent local families from being homeless. In the next Parliament, I will push the government to deliver more affordable housing so that everybody is able to live in a decent home. I will also continue to campaign against unfair changes, such as the Bedroom Tax and Universal Credit, that push families closer to homelessness.

### **7. TAKE ON RIP-OFF BRITAIN**

The campaign I initiated against rip-off Britain has delivered a cap on the costs of gas and electricity, as well as an end to one-off charges, for households on prepayment meters. In the next Parliament, I will encourage the government automatically to put every household in the country on the cheapest available tariff being offered by their energy supplier.

### **8. LEAD THE NATIONAL EFFORT AGAINST LOW PAY AND UNFAIR WORKING PRACTICES**

Following my campaign against low pay, mistreatment at work, and bogus self-employment, the government has begun to crack down on such practices. In the next Parliament, I will campaign to ensure that all working people are able to earn a decent living and be treated with fairness and dignity at work. I will also develop proposals for working people to be given the help they need to increase their earnings.

### **9. CONTINUE TO LEAD THE FIGHTBACK AGAINST HUNGER AND DESTITUTION**

The work I have undertaken since the last general election has resulted in 2,000 children in Birkenhead receiving free meals and fun during school holidays, 600 more local children being signed up for free school meals, and 12 school breakfast clubs being set up and sustained in our area. In the next Parliament, I will deliver a new social supermarket for Birkenhead and continue to lead the campaign to ensure nobody in our country is hungry.

### **10. DRIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, MODERN SLAVERY, AND FINANCIAL CRIME**

Since the last general election, I have helped establish the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy to protect the world's rainforests and initiated a fresh Commonwealth effort to counter modern slavery. I have also delivered legislation to prevent our country's property market from being exploited by international money launderers. In the next Parliament, I will continue to develop and extend each of these initiatives. I will also push for further action against tax evasion and tax avoidance.

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