

Wythenshawe and Sale East Constituency: Safe Labour seat

Geography: North West, Greater Manchester. Wythenshawe and Sale East constituency is split between two councils. Manchester City Council represented by five wards (Baguley, Brooklands (Manchester), Sharston, Woodhouse Park & Northenden) and Trafford Borough Council representing three wards (Brooklands (Trafford), Priory & Sale Moor).

Main population centres: Wythenshawe, Baguley and Sale

Profile: The seat is comprised broadly of two very contrasting areas - the massive post-war built council estate in Wythenshawe (once the biggest in Europe), eight miles south of Manchester city centre, and the suburban, more middle-class and affluent areas of Sale. Two different wards in the constituency are somewhat confusingly named Brooklands; on the Trafford side of the seat, it is safely Conservative, while on the Manchester side it is safely Labour, as are virtually all of the wards there. Priory and Sale Moor are all Labour.

The Wythenshawe area has historically suffered from some severe social and economic problems (the former ward of Benchill was assessed as the most deprived in the country in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000) and these safe Labour holdings are enough to make this a secure seat for them at Westminster, despite some Conservative strength in Sale.

Manchester Airport is situated in the south of the constituency and was granted a licence in 1929 to create the first municipal airport in Britain. It is one of the largest airports in the UK with over 20 million passengers passing through each year, and over 19,000 people are employed on the site. The airport generates around £900 million for the UK economy every year and has recently gain £800 million in funding to build Airport City, an industrial and trade area for the airport.

Manchester City Council is Labour controlled - Liberal Democrats are the opposition party.

And

Trafford Borough Council is Conservative controlled - there are 4 Liberal Democrat councillors.

There is one elected councillor in the constituency in Northenden ward who is facing an election in 2014.

Campaigning in the Trafford part of the constituency has mainly been in Labour facing Priory ward where we have made some progress. We have also started campaigning in Conservative facing Brooklands.

National issues campaigned on are: Million Jobs campaign, Fairer Taxes, Rise in Pensions, Pupil Premium and Putting right the economy after Labour's mess.

Our campaigns have also included local issues.

In Manchester on services including council spending decisions including sure start centres, libraries and leisure centres.

In Trafford local issues have included our record on green issues in Trafford, a campaign for a market in Sale and litter pick events.

## Previous Election Results

General Election 2010: Wythenshawe and Sale East <sup>[3]</sup>				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Labour	Paul Goggins	17,987	44.1	-8.0
Conservative	Janet Clowes	10,412	25.6	+3.3
Liberal Democrat	Martin Eakins	9,107	22.3	+0.9
BNP	Bernard Todd	1,572	3.9	N/A
UKIP	Christopher Cassidy	1,405	3.4	+0.4
TUSC	Mrs. Lynn Worthington	268	0.7	+0.7
Majority		7,575	18.6	
Turnout		40,751	54.3	+3.1
Labour hold		Swing	5.9	

General Election 2005: Wythenshawe and Sale East				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%

Labour	Paul Goggins	18,878	52.2	-7.8
Conservative	Miss Jane E.P. Meehan	8,051	22.3	-1.7
Liberal Democrat	Mrs. Alison P. Firth	7,766	21.5	+9.2
UKIP	William H. Ford	1,120	3.1	N/A
Socialist Alternative	Mrs. Lynn Worthington	369	1.0	N/A
Majority		10,827	29.9	
Turnout		36,184	50.4	+1.8
Labour hold		Swing	-3.0	

General Election 2001: Wythenshawe and Sale East				
Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Labour	Paul Goggins	21,032	60.0	+1.9
Conservative	Mrs. Susan F.M. Fildes	8,424	24.0	-1.1
Liberal Democrat	Miss Vanessa M. Tucker	4,320	12.3	-0.1
Green	Lance D. Crookes	869	2.5	N/A
Socialist Labour	Fred B. Shaw	410	1.2	-0.9
Majority		12,608	36.0	
Turnout		35,055	48.6	-14.6
Labour hold		Swing		

Application Form attached. Closing Date 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013