

credibility to tackle public concerns over accessing GPs swiftly, parents' ability to get kids in the schools of their choice, and worries over the housing market. The public blamed the EU when six years of Coalition and Tory Government choices to undermine public services were more responsible. Support for house building of all tenures, but especially social housing, and a drop in home ownership have occurred under Cameron. Pressure on the NHS has leaped under Cameron. And class sizes are growing and unqualified teachers entering classrooms whilst Cameron's Governments have been fixated on school structure instead of quality and choice.

You should have been in a strong position to make the case for the EU and to expose Cameron, Osborne and Clegg for their Governments' responsibility on these issues. Instead your absence was felt on the Labour In bus and across the country, but especially in my constituency where the housing crisis is acute and the population is growing rapidly, putting additional pressure on families and services.

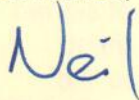
In September you also promised a broader debate. This hasn't emerged. We now face an earlier election without any substantive debate on Labour's future having been had in nine months of your leadership. This is disappointing for the members who previously backed you and those MPs who were willing to broaden debate when you sought our nominations.

It also means that my activists are routinely faced by people saying, even where still undecided or sympathetic towards you, they do not know what you want to achieve for them or their families. This was brutally exposed in the Vice documentary which you sanctioned and left your supporters in bewilderment. You have failed to explain what it is you want to do if elected Prime Minister other than not be a Tory. Our Party and my constituents deserve much better.

If you cannot be persuaded to step down you risk not just potentially destroying the Labour Party, but imposing further Tory Government on the UK. This will mean further pressure on housing and public services and risks even greater social division, leaving my younger constituents with an even less secure future.

I know this is not what you want. I also know that you are a decent man. I hope you take this opportunity to do the decent, dignified and honourable thing.

Best wishes,



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