

Re-select Luke 2022

Plymouth, January 2022



Dear Member,

I am asking for your support to stand as the Labour and Co-operative Member of Parliament for Plymouth Sutton and Devonport at the next election.

I have been proud to serve as your MP for the past four years. Working alongside members and councillors we have achieved much for our city. But a third of our children still live in poverty, hunger is on the rise and the Tories are dismantling our democracy. We need a Labour Government, and I want to lead Plymouth Labour into the next General Election and back into Government. That is the only way Plymouth can receive our fair share, putting our public services back on the right path.

For the past two years it has been a privilege to serve in the Shadow Cabinet speaking out on the climate crisis, the environment, fishing and farming. Now from the backbenches I am continuing to campaign for Plymouth to get our fair share of funding, for investment in creating infrastructure and leaking school roofs. I've championed investment in our NHS, social care, mental health services, public transport and our natural world.

The past year has been a difficult one for Plymouth. It has been hard professionally and personally, and I am grateful for the support members have given me. I am working with the families of the Keyham shooting to launch a new campaign calling for tighter gun controls in the wake of the tragedy.

As one of only two Labour MPs in the far south west, I've worked hard to raise our city's issues on a national stage and show that the type of rotten, toxic politics does not have to prevail. I am one of the first Labour MPs in the country to put themselves forward for reselection and I hope you will vote to reselect me so, together we can continue to put Plymouth first and make the positive case for a radical Labour Government - and an end to the corrupt, out of touch and uncaring Conservative Government.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Luke Pollard MP

Proud to be your Labour & Co-operative Member of Parliament for Plymouth Sutton and Devonport since 2017.

P.S. You can find out more about what my team and I have achieved since 2017 at www.lukepollard.org/reselectluke



Since being elected in 2017:

1. I have mentioned Plymouth 319 times in Parliament, including spoken debates and written questions. This is 6.5 times more than Gary Streeter and Johnny Mercer combined.
2. In my first year as an MP my team and I helped 5,149 people with casework. This has risen to 9,863 people in the past year. I'm proud of the work of my brilliant team in supporting people in Plymouth.
3. My team and I have helped returned £1.5million to people in Plymouth in withheld child support, denied welfare payments, overpaid taxes or refused COVID support.

Winning Results

I am proud of working with local members, Labour councillors and colleagues. Together we have:

- Created the **UK's first National Marine Park** – first proposed in my 2017 General Election campaign.
- Brought in **£1.8m to help the communities of Keyham and Ford after the shootings in August 2021.**
- **Changed the law** to stop a repeat of Vanessa George's release after her abuse of children in Laira.
- Forced the Government to U-turn on their refusal to stop **raw sewage** discharges into our rivers.
- Defended **Devonport's warships** from cuts, campaigned to keep the Royal Marines in the city and launched the campaign to recycle the old nuclear submarines tied up alongside in Devonport.
- Won £13m funding for the recladding of the **Mount Wise Tower Blocks** and am supporting residents of 18 buildings in the private sector to live in safe buildings
- Become the first Plymouth MP to ever have an **accessible office in the city centre**
- Won £400,000 from the Department of Transport to take Plymouth's **innovative lifejacket scheme** for the fishing sector nationwide saving lives at sea.
- Changed the law to allow **gay and bisexual men to donate blood** after years of discrimination.
- **Chaired the Blitz80 remembrance events** marking the anniversary of the lost of 1,172 Plymouth civilians
- Launched the **First Homes Not Second Homes** campaign to stop SW communities being hollowed out by second homes and holiday lets
- Worked with over 100 individuals living in blocks covered in potentially dangerous **cladding**
- Supported over 126 people who were stranded in **Afghanistan** after being abandoned by the Government.
- Caused the **government to U-turn** on trade deals with foreign countries, putting in place more regulations to protect British farmers
- Campaigned for a **Super Health Hub** to be built in the heart of Plymouth City Centre
- Embedded a new **Clean Air Act** in Labour's policy
- Secured **priority for disabled people** to access supermarket food delivery slots at the height of the pandemic
- **Campaigned and won** a marginal seat from the Conservatives in 2017 and held it in 2019. We will win it again at the next election with your help.

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