

This morning, Teresa May announced that there will be a General Election on the 8th of June.

With your help, I know that our party has the people and the resources to fight this election with the same tenacity and fortitude with which we have fought so many before.

The possibility of a snap election, so unlikely at the start of the year had become increasingly plausible over recent weeks. An investigation into Conservative spending at the 2015 General Election was bringing with it a number of potential by-elections in Conservative seats, by-elections that UKIP had a good chance of winning. Alongside that, the Labour Party is increasingly falling into disarray as it battles to regain control of itself from left wing, liberal elites

Regardless of the damage and uncertainty it might cause to our country, Teresa May clearly feels that this election is in the best interest of her party.

We have always had provisional plans in place to cater for an early election and we will be working hard over the course of this afternoon to ratify those plans ahead of outlining them to our branch structure and candidates throughout the course of tomorrow.

Teresa May claims that this election will strengthen her hand during the Brexit negotiations; the only way that hand will truly represent the people of this country is if there are UKIP MP's in Westminster to see through the will of the British people.

Now we've got to make sure that's exactly what we deliver.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**Paul Oakden**  
**Party Chairman**

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