



Campaign for a  
Yorkshire Parliament

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Dear Mr Johnson,

Tomorrow is Yorkshire Day.

The potential of Yorkshire, with a population of more than five million and an economy worth in excess of £110bn annually, is tremendous, but that potential can be released only with much greater control of our own future.

We foresee a modern day renaissance for our beloved ancient county.

We see a future based on the empowerment to make our own decisions; the empowerment to invent and innovate; the empowerment to invest in our infrastructure; and to nurture our county.

Such empowerment is necessary at every level of our society, if Yorkshire is to grow and its people allowed to dream again, confident of a better future.

We believe that such empowerment is possible only through the establishment of a devolved parliament for Yorkshire: a parliament where everybody's voice is heard and where every vote counts.

We seek a directly elected Yorkshire Parliament that would have the mandate to transform our county into one of economic and social prosperity and inclusion, and ecological sustainability. This would be achieved by empowering the people of Yorkshire as never seen before, at every level of society and from every background to participate fully in decisions affecting both their immediate communities' and the county's future.

We do not believe that relying simply on the transfer of devolved powers and resources to a combination of mayoral and city region authorities could possibly rejuvenate the whole of Yorkshire, as is Her Majesty's Governments objective.

Yorkshire needs a parliament that is capable of representing fairly the needs and aspirations of all its citizens living and working in each hamlet, village, town and city.

It is for the population of Yorkshire as a whole to decide upon the devolution

arrangements for our county, not a few self-interested politicians in a darkened room. We call upon you as our new Prime Minister to trust in the judgment of the people of Yorkshire and to call a referendum in which they can consider the options available to them in a fair, honest and democratic debate and referendum.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Hardstone  
SECRETARY

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