

John Hayes MP

Minister of State for the Department of Transport

Conservative, South Holland and The Deepings

Majority: 21,880



Electoral History

1985 Nottingham County Council

1987 Contested North East Derbyshire General Election

1992 Contested North East Derbyshire General Election

1997-10 Member for South Holland & The Deepings

2010-Present Day Member for South Holland and The Deepings

Appointments

2010 Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning

2012 Minister of Energy

2014 Minister without Portfolio at the Cabinet Office and Senior Parliamentary Adviser to the Prime Minister

July 2014 Minister of State for the Department of Transport

Select Committees

1997-99 Agriculture

1998-00 Education & Employment

1998-00 Education Sub-committee

2001-02 Administration Committee

2001-02 Selection Committee

Biography

John was born in 1958 in Woolwich, he was educated at Colfe's Grammar School and joined the Conservative Party at the age 14. He then went onto study Politics at Nottingham University where he chaired the University's Conservative Association.

Mr Hayes stayed in Nottingham after graduating becoming a successful director of a local IT company and soon started his political career in the city. In 1985 John joined Nottingham County Council where he served for 14 years and acted as the Conservative Group Spokesman on Education and Chairman of its Campaigns Committee.

He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997 representing South Holland and The Deepings and maintained his seat for three consecutive elections with increased majorities in the elections.

In May 2010 he was appointed Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning which gave him the responsibilities for apprenticeships, careers guidance and vocational education.

Two years later John was appointed the Minister of Energy. During his time as Minister of Energy Hayes showed public support for Shale gas stating “Shale gas is an exciting opportunity and has the potential to create jobs and support UK energy security.” In 2013 Mr Hayes wrote to the Chief Executive and the Leader of Peterborough City Council as well as the Sunday Times voicing his concerns over the Council’s plans to construct a solar panel farm in Newborough. He is quoted in the Peterborough Telegraph is saying *“I share the concerns of my constituents who are unclear why the beautiful and flat Fenland countryside has been chosen for the construction of half a million solar panels and nine large wind turbines when there are many suitable brownfield sites nearby.”*

In 2013 he became Minister without Portfolio at the Cabinet Office and Senior Parliamentary Adviser to the Prime Minister.

A month into this particular role he was appointed to the Privy Council. David Cameron’s 2014 cabinet reshuffle has seen John receive his latest role of Minister of State for the Department of Transport.

Away from his political career John lives in Lincolnshire with his wife Susan and two young sons and has a keen interest in other countries such as Italy, Spain and the USA.

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