

WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT OUR LOCAL MP

IN THE 2019 - 2024 PARLIAMENT..

In July 2020, having chaired the Defence Select Committee in the two previous Parliaments, Julian became the first MP to chair the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) as well. Here are some of the reactions to his victory in that Westminster contest.

“Julian Lewis ... has always been ferociously independent-minded ... Few MPs on the Tory benches are more steeped in the world of security and defence than Mr Lewis ... campaigning from the back benches for increased defence spending ... [and] as chairman of the Defence Select Committee.” – [Stephen Swinford, The Times](#)

“Former National Security Adviser, Lord Ricketts ... said the [ISC] was now in the ‘hands of someone with much wider experience of defence and security’.” – [Daily Mail Online](#)

“Julian Lewis ... carries a degree of goodwill and respect across the party in Parliament and beyond ... He was and is fundamentally very clever, forensic and emphatically unbiddable ... He’s also tough.” – [Stewart \(later, Lord\) Jackson, Daily Telegraph](#)

“Say what you like about Julian Lewis ... but he understands Defence and Intelligence and is not a creature of Downing Street. His knowledge ought to have been a recommendation, given that the quid pro quo for granting the Intelligence Services more powers was granting the Committee the power to scrutinise them.” – [Nick Cohen, Observer](#)



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