

Putting our country first

UKIP Leader Paul Nuttall writes, "What does a party leader go into a general election hoping for? That's normally a pretty easy question to answer – as many votes as possible for his party at the expense of every other party and every other candidate in the field.

"But at this general election it is a lot more complicated than that. Because UKIP was set up to restore Britain's status as a self-governing democracy and this election comes with that ambition tantalisingly within reach.

"Generations of UKIP activists campaigned and leafleted through wind and rain with the ambition of getting our country out of the EU. And some never lived to see the glorious day when our magnificent referendum victory was confirmed.

"In memory of such people and to be true to the founding principles of my party I must ensure that we work at all times to advance the practical cause of Brexit in Parliament, in the country at large and in the negotiating chambers of the European Union.

"That means, to put it in shorthand, adhering to the principle of country before party in the changed political circumstances that pertain today.