



Sir Graham Brady Challenged by Aspiring Politicos

Sir Graham Brady argued solutions to the younger generation's greatest concerns were inextricably linked when he held a question and answer session for Politics students at St. Ambrose College.



Politics has been the fastest growing subject at the Hale Barns Catholic Grammar School over the last decade with young people's concern about "local, regional and national decision making at an all time high" according to their Head of Politics David Lindsay.

Sir Graham, M.P. for Altrincham and Sale West and Chair of the Conservative Parliamentary Party's 1922 Committee, was quizzed over both the potential damage done to free movement and free trade by Brexit and the need to accelerate house building to allow younger and less affluent people onto the ladder.

Joseph Murphy, 17, from Wythenshawe, and a Labour Party member, said: "The younger generation feels the older generation has benefitted from our European membership

Pictured from left to right are David Lindsay, Joseph Murphy, Sir Graham Brady and Matthew Leigh.

but withdrawn now only because they are afraid of multiculturalism, but the younger generation embraces multiculturalism and sees it as a boost to modern life."

Matthew Leigh, 17, from Urmston and a member of the Conservative Party said: "I think we need to relax planning legislation and make it easier to build on inner city brown field sites."

An ardent Brexiteer, Sir Graham said: "The European Union is not about European culture. It's a supranational political structure which has usurped national decision making. We can still make our decisions closer to home while continuing to embrace European culture."

He added: "The Government is very much focused on building more houses and numbers are higher now than they have been for many years, including social housing. The cost of housing is the result of supply and demand: we need increase the supply of houses but we also need to be aware of the things that are driving demand. This is one of the reasons for controlling the speed of immigration.

"If you allow net migration of 300,000 each year, then you need to build a new town of that size each and every year just to meet that area of demand. The Government is very much focused on making sure that young people can see their way to owning their own home and is building more housing now than under the previous Labour Government."

David Lindsay, added: "Whether our students agree with Sir Graham or not, they are always impressed by the detail in his argument and the passion he displays for local and national issues. Despite his hectic political life, he is always ready to challenge and be challenged by the next generation."