

The Tory party has lost every ounce of sense it ever ha...

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No, I am not talking about the Tory leadership election.

Or Brexit.

I know both might make my case but what I am instead referring to is the quite extraordinary decision that the Tories have made about the Brecon and Radnorshire by-election.

This by-election will happen because the Tory MP for the constituency was convicted of expenses fraud in the House of Commons. 19% of the local electorate signed a petition for his recall. So he had to go. Only 10% is required to secure a recall.

And [now the Tories are putting him up as their candidate for re-election](#). Never have I seen a more certain strategy to lose an election. The once almighty election fighting machine that the Tory party was has really lost it. It is as if they now want to lose, everything.

And they will.

The problem is the damage they will create whilst doing so.