

Keir Starmer: our interim Prime Minister

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This headline is extraordinary. It came from the Politics Home email last night:

Keir Starmer Says Greens Won By-Election Off Back Of George Galloway Endorsement

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Keir Starmer has accused the Green Party of embracing "sectarian" politics and claimed that its historic victory in the Gorton and Denton by-election was driven by support from George Galloway.

The Prime Minister said Zack Polanski's party was no longer comprised of "harmless environmentalists" in a letter to all Labour MPs following their defeat in Greater Manchester.

The desperation in that claim is quite extraordinary.

Three things stand out.

First, anyone who thinks George Galloway influences anyone much these days has really lost all their political sense. But maybe Keir Starmer never had one, and all we are seeing now is that no one is pulling the strings anymore.

Second, Starmer's desire to cast the Greens as extreme, when they are glaringly obviously not, is already making him look very stupid. If a plumber like Hannah Spencer is an extremist, Starmer needs serious help to work out the threats he thinks he faces, most of which are in his own party

Third, no wonder Labour MPs like Clive Lewis are openly saying Starmer is now an interim Prime Minister. They know he is a liability. He would do himself a favour by quitting.