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SNP Ochil and South Perthshire candidate John Nicolson has been branded a “laughing stock” after he told a hustings last night to vote for him in East Dunbartonshire.

Mr Nicolson, who puts ‘East Dunbartonshire’ as his address in his nomination papers, represented the constituency between 2015 and 2017.

He was then parachuted in to the Ochil and South Perthshire seat for this year’s election.

In a video of a hustings meeting in Alloa town hall last night Mr Nicolson is heard saying: “Only the Scottish National party can beat the Tories here in East Dunbartonshire”.

Scottish Conservative MSP for mid-Scotland and Fife, Murdo Fraser said:

“John Nicolson is now a laughing stock.”

“It’s well known he was parachuted in to Ochil and South Perthshire last month by Nicola Sturgeon. You’d think by now that he would have worked out where he was.”

“People have had enough of SNP placemen thinking they can walk in with a God-given right to a seat. In two weeks’ time, voters in Ochil and South Perthshire can tell Mr Nicolson to go home and think again – assuming he can find his way there.”