

Leeds for Europe



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Dear [Name of MP]

Brexit

I write, on behalf of Leeds for Europe, to congratulate you on your recent election as the Member of Parliament for [constituency].

Leeds for Europe is a campaign group, backed by several hundred members and supporters, whose aim is to represent the many hundreds of thousands of people in Leeds and nearby parts of West and North Yorkshire who either voted for Remain in the EU referendum, or who now would vote Remain if given the opportunity to do so.

We hold regular public meetings, communicate with our supporters, and are on the streets of Leeds every week meeting people with a wide range of views to gauge the mood of the country. These activities give us an almost unique capability to judge whether the people of Yorkshire (and the wider UK) are changing their mind about Brexit as the process of leaving the EU unfolds.

We have genuinely detected a change of mood in recent weeks, reflecting increasing frustration and, in some cases, alarm, as the complexity of Brexit is revealed. There is definitely a feeling amongst a significant proportion of Leave voters that they were misinformed that Brexit was going to be quick and easy. Many are saying that they would not have voted to leave if they had felt that their own prosperity, financial security and freedom of movement would be put at risk.

It is not clear at present that this changing mood has been fully recognised by our elected politicians. So far, the direction of travel of Brexit does not appear to have deviated much in parliament, even after the unexpected result of the June General Election.

The purpose of this letter is to alert you to the shift in public opinion that we have detected and to ask you to reflect this by adjusting your position in parliament. In particular, we would ask the following:-

- Do not vote for any individual Brexit-related measures which are likely to have an adverse impact on jobs, wages, prices, public finances, scientific research, education, the health service or the environment.
- Do not accept a 'bad deal'. If necessary, instruct the UK government to return to negotiations in order to secure a better deal.
- If a final deal is presented to parliament which parliament considers to be satisfactory, vote to give the people of the UK the opportunity to vote in a referendum to either accept or reject this final deal before the UK exits the European Union. In this case, rejection of the deal in the referendum would have to mean the UK revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU.
- Do not under any circumstances accept the UK leaving the EU without having reached a satisfactory agreement about the terms of exit with the European Union i.e. a 'no deal' Brexit. If there is no deal, then we must remain in the EU in order to avoid devastating our nation and causing grievous harm to its citizens.

We consider that by following this guidance you will be performing your primary duty of defending the interests of your constituents and the country as a whole against the potentially calamitous effects of a badly handled Brexit.

We would appreciate your response to the contents of this letter. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this matter further. Please get in touch if this would be of interest.

Yours sincerely

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