



Dear Member of Parliament,

The Commons has voted decisively against the Withdrawal Agreement for a third time. On Monday you will be asked to vote on alternative courses. You will also be asked to vote on the option of referring the matter back to the people of this country, a course that attracted the largest number of positive votes in the 'indicative votes' taken last week.

Whichever course you choose to support during Monday's vote, we urge you also to support the proposal for a 'confirmatory vote' by the people of this country, with the option to remain a member of the EU.

It is clear to us - from work on the doorstep in constituencies across Wales, as well as the findings of numerous polls - that opinion in the country has changed. People have been able to assess a quantity of information about the consequences of different versions of Brexit that simply was not available to them in 2016.

We urge you to give the people a final say, in the interests both of the economy and of our democracy.

Wales and your own constituency stands to suffer more from Brexit than any other part of the UK. No Brexit proposal offers an economic advantage over our current membership of the largest single market in the world. The fundamental economic and social reforms this country needs will also be more difficult to achieve outside the EU. It is only on the basis of such reforms that we can really heal the divisions in our society.

As for democracy, all proposals for maintaining a close relationship Europe, while being outside the EU itself, involve a massive reduction in our democratic rights as a country for as far ahead as we can see. We would be choosing to become rule-takers. The idea that 'No deal' - a course already rejected by Parliament - would give us greater freedom of action is illusory.

We have seen months of confusion and procedural wrangling. The only way to be sure that the end result is something that has the confidence of the public is to subject it to a truly meaningful vote of the whole people. That's actually to show respect, not disrespect, to the 2016 referendum. Far from being a negation of democracy, it would be a reassertion of it.

And to those who fear a divisive process, we say that once we become afraid of the democratic process, democracy itself is in danger.



In any new referendum, we commit ourselves to honest and principled campaigning and to respecting an updated decision on the course this country should take.

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