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# Brexit update from Sharon Hodgson MP



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## Brexit Update

**It has been another eventful period in Parliament when it comes to Brexit. As I am sure many people will know, the Prime Minister's Brexit deal was overwhelmingly rejected on 15th January 2019. This led to a debate taking place on her 'Plan B' on Tuesday 29th January 2019 in which a number of amendments were tabled relating to various issues.**

Along with the Labour Party, I supported three amendments related to avoiding or preventing a 'No-Deal' Brexit scenario, something that would be catastrophic for our region and my constituents. Unfortunately, the only amendment of the three that passed was a non-binding one that simply expressed the will of a majority of MPs against such an outcome.

The Conservative Government took the decision to back the so-called Brady amendment, which called for the removal of the backstop from the Withdrawal Agreement, an idea that the EU has already dismissed. This move exposed the desperation of a Conservative Party which has voted for

proposals that fundamentally undermine a deal the Prime Minister has spent two years negotiating.

Instead of making false promises to renegotiate a deal she knows she can't deliver, the Prime Minister must now accept that her failed red lines will have to go and an alternative Brexit deal must be found. Labour has called for: a deal that protects jobs, living standards, workers' rights and environmental standards, through a comprehensive customs union and strong single market deal.

Jeremy Corbyn raised these issues in detail when he met with the Prime Minister on 30th January 2019 and will continue to make the case for a sensible Brexit deal that could command a majority in Parliament. Time is now running out, and the Prime Minister is taking us ever closer to the risk of a 'No-Deal' scenario with each day that this chaos continues. In recent days we have seen some stark warnings about the realities of what 'No-Deal' would mean for working people up and down this country.

Whether that's Supermarkets saying that there is a real risk of food shortages, or the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) saying that 'Brexit is an existential threat to the UK automotive industry', these messages can no longer be dismissed. I will always stand up for what is best for my constituents, and continue to oppose 'No-Deal' which would cause untold damage to people throughout the North East.

I recently laid out my thoughts on this subject in more detail which you can read here: <https://tinyurl.com/yazk1pjj>

I will continue to keep constituents updated as this process moves forward, and am grateful for the huge number of people who have written to me with their thoughts.

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