

The threat of a “No Deal” Brexit and the government’s prorogation of Parliament

This council:

1. In following Government instructions to prepare for a No Deal Brexit is aware of the risk that this could result in impossible demands being placed on this and other Hertfordshire Councils and all other work grinding to a halt.
2. Is dismayed that the Prime Minister has announced his intention to prorogue Parliament in the midst of a constitutional crisis, with the increasing threat of a catastrophic No Deal Brexit.
3. Condemns the suspension of Parliament by the Prime Minister and the silencing of elected representatives at a time of such national importance as undemocratic.
4. Is conscious of the highly damaging effects of a No Deal Brexit on all residents of the District.
5. Recognises and understands the concerns of its residents who are EU nationals and the threat a No Deal Brexit presents to their stability and wellbeing.

This council resolves to:

1. Make urgent representations to the Prime Minister urging him to abandon his plan to prorogue Parliament and to ensure that Parliament is fully involved in the decision making process regarding Brexit and any future Withdrawal Agreement.
2. Communicate to residents the possible outcomes of a No Deal Brexit and advise them of how to prepare for this eventuality, publicising the link to Council website on preparing for Brexit.
3. Take positive steps to alert residents who are EU nationals to inform them of the importance of applying for Settled Status, providing information about this process and signposting them to the website link and other appropriate support.
4. Make information available at surgeries and other local events and centres for EU nationals who need support in securing Settled Status.