

# Press Release

## **Campaigners take to Romsey's Streets for largest ever People's Vote National Day of Action**

As part of Saturday's People's Vote National Day of Action local campaigners ran street events around Romsey.

Campaigners from local community group Romsey Better in Europe and the Hampshire European Movement which are both campaigning for a People's Vote on Brexit now that the real options are known, fanned out around the town to invite residents to add their names to an open letter to the town's MP, Caroline Nokes. The letter calls on the MP to support a People's Vote should the Withdrawal Bill be voted against in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Adding to signatures to the letter already available online, 96 passers-by joined the call for a properly informed democratic vote. Romsey Better in Europe organiser Rich House says "This was by far our biggest event in the town, and I was amazed to see people adding their names to the letter at one a minute during the time we there. The People's Vote now has real wind in its sails. People are seeing it as the only way out of the impasse the country has reached". In all, the open letter has been signed by 155 people, 142 of which were Romsey & Southampton North constituents.

Visitors to the main stall in Latimer Walk were also given the opportunity to express their opinions with a "Brexitometer", a survey completed with the use of coloured stickers. This showed overwhelming support for a People's Vote and staying in the EU.

Ian Callaghan, Green Party candidate at the last two General Elections, was amongst the campaigners and local Liberal Democrats also joined in the National Day of Action, hosting a stall of their own at the Corn Market. This collected 40 names to add to their own open letter to Ms Nokes, 28 from her constituents. Both the Green Party and the Liberal Democrats support a People's Vote. Labour's position is that they will support the People's Vote if their confidence vote in the government fails and no General Election is forthcoming. Many backbench Conservative MPs also support it.

Commenting on the good natured discussions held with people of all views Rich House said "I have seen a return to open friendly discussion about this important issue for the town, with mutual respect for each other's views. This is the way we can best heal the town and the country again. Let's hope this spirit of goodwill continues to grow."

Caroline Nokes came out in support of Remain shortly before the EU Referendum in 2016. She is now the Immigration Minister, responsible for formulating our post Brexit immigration policy, should it go ahead.

The open letter was sent to the MP on Monday along with the names of the 142 constituents who agreed to have their names published. The MP's father Roy Perry, previously a Member of the European Parliament and now Leader of Hampshire County Council visited the Latimer Walk stall. He picked up a copy of the letter and passed it on to his daughter.

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## Open Letter Text

**“Following the European Court of Justice Ruling that Article 50 can be withdrawn, the choice is no longer between “this deal and no deal”, but between “this deal, no deal or no Brexit”.**

Whilst we agree that Mrs May's plan is better than the disastrous option of 'no deal', her deal is still a bad deal for Romsey & Southampton North and for the country.

- It **threatens our NHS**, which relies on EU skilled workers to care for our loved ones.
- It **removes our freedoms** to live, study and work freely in Europe.
- It **threatens the unity of the UK** as NI may have better trading terms than Scotland.
- By choosing to **damage our economy** it endangers our livelihoods & public services.
- By duplicating EU administration it dramatically **increases bureaucracy & red tape**.
- By becoming rule takers rather rule shapers we will have **given up control**.

**For all these reasons – and many more – Mrs May's deal is a bad deal.** The best 'deal' available for Britain remains 'no Brexit', staying in the EU with all the exceptions, rebates, exemptions and vetoes previously negotiated – mostly by Conservative Governments.

The government has already more than honoured the 2016 Referendum by spending billions of pounds to get us to this point. We are all now able to see the actual options in much greater clarity with untruths uncovered. As a democracy we should adapt and change course when we see we are mistaken. We should look after the interests of the whole country, not just those who voted to leave.

**The vote for Theresa May’s Brexit deal is likely to be lost in Parliament. We ask you, in that scenario, to use your influence at the heart of government to support a People’s Vote, a referendum on the final deal, which includes remaining in the EU as an option.**

Yours sincerely”

## Letter Signatories

### 155 People Who Signed the Letter

Aemone Plummer
Alexander Callaghan
Alexander Kelly
Alexander Macgregor
Alison Pearce
Allan Cox
Alun Richards
Amy Stokes
Andy Lester
Annabel Lee
Anne Hadfield
Anton Page
Bailey Jienny
Beth James
Brian Johnson
Bryan Bolton
C J Pritchard
Carly Stuart
Carolina Urraca
Caroline Churcher
Caroline Gordon
Carolyn Hobbs
Celia Rowe
Chantelle Hellins
Chris Baker

Chris Holland
Chris McCallion
Cicely Oreffo
Connor Maltby
David Chillington
David Clark
David Johnson
David Johnson
Della Leslie
Derek Browne
Derek Leslie
Diane Sedgwick
Dick Duley
Elisabeth Drew
Emily Arden-Close
Emily Brown
Emma Gillam
Eric Bailey
Gary Birch
Gavin Foster
Gillian Liesnham
Gillian O'REilly
Grace Oreffo
Hannah Oldham
Helen Wright
Hugh Hadfield
Iain Macintosh
Ian Callaghan
Ian Pickup
Imogen Ode
Jacqueline Cox
Jacqui Lester
Janice Pandolfo
Jayne Pickup
Jean Hunter
Jenny Baverstock-Poppy
Jill Bird

Jim Graham
Joan Duley
Jon Lochlan
Jonathan Lea
Joshua Mitchell
Joy Hobbs
Julie Brinton
Julie Gomer
Karen James
Karin Staub-Leigh
Kate Marshall
Katherine Hornby
Kathleen Horner
Kathryn Woods-Townsend
Katie White
Kenneth Warn
Kerrie Sweeney
Kim Mortimer
Larrie Charrett
Linda Kinch
Linda Nadolny
Lorna Furey
Lucy Richards
Margaret Robinson
Marilyn James
Mark Cross
Mark Davey
Mark James
Mark Kinch
Martin Cooper
Martine Cross
Mary Lefeuve
Mary Prensa-Villegas
Maxine Olley
Melissa Widger
Michael Kelly
Michael Whatley

Mike Hornby
Natasha Mckenzie-Kelly
Neil Sweeney
Nicholas Brown
Nicola Riches
Nicola Ridges-Jones
Nigel Hinchcliffe-Lancaster
P. Bartlett
Pamela Basloi
Paul Cook
Paul Fresson
Paul harket
Peter Phillips
Peter Stuart
Reuben Burbidge
Reuben Burbidge
Richard Day
Richard House
Richard Mortimer
Robert J Rowe
Robert Killian-Dawson
Rod Robinson
Roger Rowe
Roland Matthews
Rowland Davies
Rowland Haverley
Roy FitzGeorge
Roz Fresson
Runa Fowler
Sabine Firth
Saffron House
Sally Yalden
Sam Mitchell
Samantha Deane
Sandra Browning
Sandra Smith
Sarah Bartram

Sarah Clark
Sarah Hannan
Sarah Hipwell
Sarah Rule
Sarah Williamson
Shaun O'Brien
Stefanie Biedermann
Stephane Matthews
Steven House
Stuart Hayward
Stuart Yalden
Susan Jones
Tabitha Burbidge
Tim Burbidge
Tim Burbidge
Vicky Taylor
Victoria Burbidge
Victoria Johnson
Vinente Prensa-Villegas

## 142 Constituents Who Signed Letter

Alexander Callaghan
Alexander Kelly
Alexander Macgregor
Alison Pearce
Allan Cox
Alun Richards
Amy Stokes
Andy Lester
Annabel Lee
Anne Hadfield
Anton Page
Bailey Jenny
Beth James

Brian Johnson
Bryan Bolton
C J Pritchard
Carly Stuart
Carolina Urraca
Caroline Gordon
Carolyn Hobbs
Celia Rowe
Chantelle Hellins
Chris Baker
Chris Holland
Chris McCallion
Cicely Oreffo
Connor Maltby
David Chillington
David Clark
David Johnson
David Johnson
Della Leslie
Derek Browne
Derek Leslie
Dick Duley
Elisabeth Drew
Emily Arden-Close
Emily Brown
Emma Gillam
Eric Bailey
Gavin Foster
Gillian Liesnham
Gillian O'REilly
Grace Oreffo
Hannah Oldham
Helen Wright
Hugh Hadfield
Iain Macintosh
Ian Callaghan
Imogen Ode



Jacqui Lester
Jean Hunter
Jenny Baverstock-Poppy
Jill Bird
Jim Graham
Joan Duley
Jon Lochlan
Jonathan Lea
Joshua Mitchell
Joy Hobbs
Julie Brinton
Julie Gomer
Karen James
Karin Staub-Leigh
Kate Marshall
Katherine Hornby
Kathleen Horner
Kathryn Woods-Townsend
Katie White
Kenneth Warn
Kerrie Sweeney
Kim Mortimer
Larrie Charrett
Linda Kinch
Linda Nadolny
Lorna Furey
Lucy Richards
Margaret Robinson
Marilyn James
Mark Cross
Mark Davey
Mark James
Mark Kinch
Martin Cooper
Martine Cross
Mary Lefevre
Mary Prensa-Villegas

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Neil Sweeney
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## Photos



Above : Campaigners take a break in Latimer Walk. The earlier bustle of visitors to the stall was not photographed in respect of their privacy.



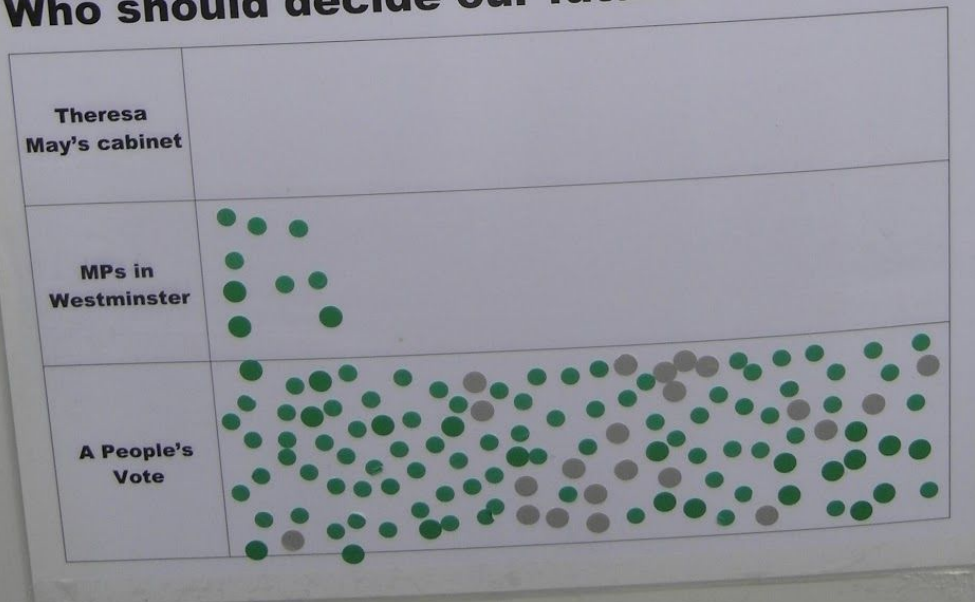
Romsey Brexit Survey

# Brexit, what's best for the UK?

12<sup>th</sup> January 2019



# Who should decide our future?



Above the Brexometer.



Above: Rich House