



## Welcome to the first of our occasional Newsletters

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### Zoom! Brexit: Deal or No Deal?

We held our first Zoom speaker event on Monday 9th November.

**Paul Blomfield** (MP for Sheffield Central, Shadow Minister (International Trade) (Brexit and EU Negotiations), and Shadow Minister (Cabinet Office) (Brexit and EU Negotiations) was our speaker. **Richard Corbett** (former Labour MEP and final Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party) also joined in the discussion.

We would like to thank them for their fascinating (and worrying) insights in what we will be facing all too soon. Over 50 members and supporters signed up for the event, and others followed on our Facebook page.

If you were not able to join us, here is a video recording (starts about 19 minutes in):

<https://fb.watch/1Fo1UicRXO/>?



Paul Blomfield

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### How is Brexit Affecting You?

We would like to hear your stories of how Brexit is affecting, or will affect you, personally:

- You may have a business and are worried and confused about the new regulations.
- You may be worried about health insurance if you travel within the EU.
- You may be involved in research projects with researchers in other EU countries, and unsure what will happen next year.

- You may be a student on an Erasmus Programme.

Your stories will help us to inform people of the very human consequences of Brexit, with or without a deal.

Please send your stories to us at: [sheffieldforeurope@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldforeurope@gmail.com)

### Zoom event from European Movement Wandsworth

The Wandsworth group is organising a zoom event with Labour peer Lord Dubs, on Thursday 3rd December at 7 pm.

He will talk about events in Westminster and beyond, followed by a Q&A session.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP using the link below:

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[Register for this event](#)

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## Stay European

**Stay European** is a UK-based grassroots campaign for individual EU citizenship after Brexit. It has more than 100,000 registered supporters.

If you want to join them, or find out more, their website is:

[www.stayeuropean.org](http://www.stayeuropean.org)

Stay European are having a conference on Saturday 21st November, via Zoom, to discuss

the situation with Brexit and beyond, prepare their strategy for early 2021 – and keep people in touch to support one another. The sessions will start at 10 am and continue throughout the day.

You can register for the conference here:

[Register for the conference](#)

## Government in Denial Over

One of our committee members writes articles for **Yorkshire Bylines** on Brexit.

Her latest one, Government in denial over Brexit describes the government's failure to prepare for leaving the EU at the end of this year.

The article can be found in:

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/government-in-denial-over-brexit/>

## Where is Miriam Cates?

A number of our members and supporters living in the Penistone and Stockbridge area complained that their MP, **Miriam Cates**, refused to engage with them, and did not respond to their queries and concerns.

These concerns became known to us after we asked you all to try to arrange virtual meetings with your MPs, as part of the European Movement Day of Action against a No Deal Brexit in October.



Miriam Cates

We collected some of these stories and sent out a press release to the local media.

The Sheffield Star has now published the following article on its website:

<https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/politics/sheffield-mp-denies-she-ignoring-emails-constituents-after-criticism-3030726>

See also **Yorkshire Bylines** [article](#)

## It's not Just Chlorinated Chicken

The risk to our health from a trade deal with the US is not just from chlorinated chicken.

Other factory farmed foods also present risks.

Channel 4 **Dispatches** programme Dirty Secrets of American Food uncovered other risks from meat from low welfare US factory farms.

National newspapers have also revealed these risks to health, which range from bacterial infections to cancer.

A study by George Washington University has revealed that e.coli

was found in 90% of turkey products destined for US supermarkets. It was also found in 80% of chicken, 70% of beef and 60% of pork. US pork is up to six times more likely to contain e.coli than British pork.

US farmers use growth hormones for their cattle, which have been banned in EU countries for more than 30 years. One of these, 17-beta estradiol, has been described as a 'complete carcinogen' by the European Commission's scientific committee on Veterinary Measures.

Over 70 chemicals which are banned in the EU are present in US food. One of these is potassium bromate (used in the US for pre-packaged bread), which is implicated in causing kidney and thyroid cancers.

