

Jane Hunt MP



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Dear local residents,

Thank you to those who have contacted me about the transition period.

The UK left the EU on 31 January. A transition period has followed during which market access remains the same and the UK and EU are negotiating an agreement on their future relationship. The manifesto I stood on was clear that the transition period would not be extended beyond December 2020 and this has been put into law.

I recognise that the outbreak of COVID-19 is serious and the Government is doing everything it can to tackle the virus based on the latest scientific and medical advice. More information about this can be found [here](#). As you may be aware, the most recent round of negotiations was postponed and both sides are exploring alternative ways of conducting the negotiations.

I appreciate that some local residents have concerns about the deadline but Ministers have already shown that they are able to negotiate international agreements with speed and efficiency. The Withdrawal Agreement was re-opened and re-negotiated in under three months despite many believing that this would be not be possible.

The UK and the EU share closely aligned interests and I am confident that the determination and willingness of both parties to reach a free trade agreement will ensure that the matter is brought to a conclusion by the end of 2020, as legally committed to in good faith by both parties as part of the transition period.

I hope that this information is reassuring. If you have any further concerns about this, or any other issues, please do get back in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jane'.

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