

Amber Rudd undermines the Prime Minister

It is open to backbenchers and members of the public to be as critical of Mrs May's plan as we like and to propose an alternative. Those MPs who decide to stay in the Cabinet have to defend Mrs May's position, which is her deal is the only proposal worth considering.

This early move in Miss Rudd's probable leadership campaign is ill judged and ensures she will not get any Eurosceptic votes, as the Norway option is not leaving the EU. It means accepting EU laws, paying them money and staying in the single market and customs union which we voted to quit.