

# Conservative's reckless Brexit shows they're prepared to gamble the UK's ties to EU energy markets to wriggle out of climate change commitments – Long-Bailey

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**Long-Bailey, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary, commenting on reports that Britain is looking for ways to scrap its 2020 clean energy targets while maintaining everyday trade in Europe's energy market, said:**

“The Conservative's reckless Brexit shows they're prepared to gamble the UK's ties to EU energy markets simply to wriggle out of their climate change commitments. They're failing one of Labour's six tests by watering down environmental and climate change protections, and leading a race to the bottom.

“The fact is that the Tories would risk our lights going out in order to create a low-wage, deregulated, bargain basement Britain.

“Theresa May needs to give Britain's energy security and our commitment to renewable energy investment the status it deserves. At present it seems that only Labour would guarantee investment in our future energy needs that meet our climate change commitments, and build a new working partnership with the rest of Europe.”

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