## Green Party calls for Brexit negotiations to be extended amid coronavirus outbreak



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The Green Party has called on the UK government and the EU to agree to extend the Brexit transition period for a year as countries tackle the coronavirus outbreak.

Green Party deputy leader Amelia Womack said: "At a time of national emergency it is vital that the government puts every ounce of its time and energy into protecting the public.

"The urgency with which the government wanted to leave the EU was for a period of relative stability. During a time of global crisis we need to be working as closely as possible with our closest allies rather than being at loggerheads over a trade deal.

"If we are delaying elections then we are acknowledging we need to work to protect the public first and foremost rather than stick to political timetables, and Brexit is no exception."

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