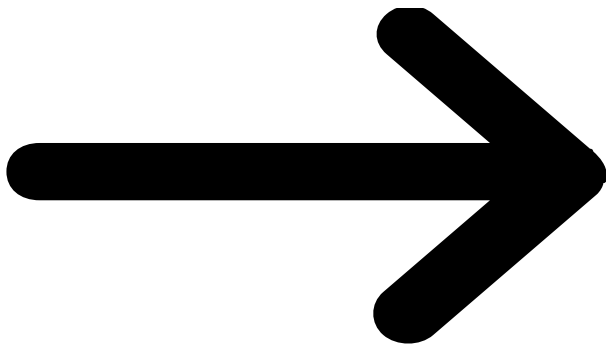


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The Scottish Conservatives have urged ministers to drop their grievance agenda on Brexit and work to get the process through both the Scottish and UK parliaments.

Deputy leader Jackson Carlaw said the SNP had been engaged in “hyperbole” with talk of a “Westminster power grab”, but should now sit down with all parties to ensure the Legislative Consent Motion goes through.

Yesterday, Nicola Sturgeon used a speech to celebrate 20 years of devolution warning about the impact of Brexit on Holyrood.

But today Brexit minister Mike Russell agreed both he and Deputy First Minister John Swinney would sit down with the Scottish Conservatives to find common ground on the UK leaving the EU.

Scottish Conservative deputy leader Jackson Carlaw said:

“The SNP is seemingly ever in want of grievance – but now is not the time for that.

“It’s clear that Brexit is not politics as normal.

“If there is genuine concern matched by an equally genuine resolve to address and overcome this, then the Scottish Conservatives at Holyrood will play our part.

“We are keen to work to a position where we can all feel able to secure an LCM the Scottish Government will have confidence in placing before this parliament.”