

## It's welcome news that this gang have been prosecuted and sentenced – Reynolds

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**Reynolds MP, Labour's Shadow City Minister**, responding to reports that city financiers have been jailed over £245m loans scam, said:

"It's welcome news that this gang have been prosecuted and sentenced. All those tempted to game the system and commit fraud against the public should know from the sentences passed that they'll pay the price.

"Lack of faith in the financial sector is bad for the public and bad for the sector itself. The Government needs to do more to reassure people that the bad practices have ended. For a start, Philip Hammond should reinstate the commission on culture in banking cancelled by his predecessor."

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## Andy McDonald welcomes the resolution of the train drivers' dispute with Southern Rail

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**McDonald MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport**, welcoming the resolution of the train drivers' dispute with Southern Rail, said:

"This is great news. At long last an agreement has been reached. While the full details are yet to emerge, it is essential that any safety concerns have been comprehensively addressed and resolved.

"Sadly, trust between Southern management and the workforce has reached an all-time low, but hopefully this agreement marks the beginning of a more inclusive way of conducting industrial relations in the future.

"Southern's long suffering passengers will be delighted at this news, but equally they need

to see the appalling standards of service, which they have endured for far too long, greatly improve, and do so quickly.”

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## [It's hugely concerning to see increase in number of children killed or injured in road collisions – Daniel Zeichner](#)

Statistics released today by the Department for Transport show there has been an increase in the number of road users either killed or seriously injured. The number of killed or seriously injured casualties (KSIs) increased by 6 per cent last year – to 25,160. By DfT's own admission, this change is statistically significant.

Between July and September 2016, the change was even more pronounced – KSI casualties increased by 8 per cent when compared to the same period in 2015.

All road user groups saw an increase in the number of people killed or seriously injured: car occupants, pedestrians, motorcyclists and pedal cyclists. There were also 2,070 children killed or seriously injured in the year ending September 2016 – an increase of 8 per cent.

### **Daniel**

**Zeichner MP, Labour's Shadow Transport Minister**, responding to statistics released today by the Department of Transport, said:

“These statistics are worrying. We want everyone to feel safe on the roads, whether they are walking, in a car, on a bike, on a bus, or using a motorcycle. It's hugely concerning to see the increase in the number of children killed or injured in road collisions.

“Funding cuts to the police by this Tory Government have seen resources being diverted from road policing which inhibits the effective enforcement of penalties for dangerous drivers. If we are to make our roads safer, it's crucial that road safety targets are reinstated and that police forces have the resources they need.”

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## Only Labour will rewrite the rules of our economy and deliver the investment needed to rebuild and transform our country – John McDonnell

**John McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow**

**Chancellor**, commenting on today's growth forecast from the Bank of England, said:

"While we welcome today's growth forecasts, projections for wage growth in coming years have been cut. This will come as little surprise to those whose incomes are still below where they were ten years ago as a result of a rigged economy under the Tories.

"Yesterday the Resolution Foundation warned of the worst period of income growth for middle and low earners since the 1960s. After seven years of

Tory failure, there is little sign of an end to the pressure on living standards for most of the population."

"Only Labour will rewrite the rules of our economy and deliver the investment needed to rebuild and transform our country so that no one and no community is left behind."

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## This White Paper is a wish list, not an action plan – Keir Starmer

**Keir**

**Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the EU**, speaking after the release of the Government's Brexit White Paper, said:

"Today's White Paper is indicative of the Government's whole approach to Brexit.

"For months they have refused to publish a plan or allow proper scrutiny, and when they are finally forced to produce a White Paper it is rushed, limited and not

well thought through.

"The White Paper offers no certainty for EU citizens living in the UK, no additional detail on how workers' and consumer rights will be protected, and nothing on how full tariff-free access to the single market will be delivered.

"It's a wish list, not an action plan.

"Labour has said throughout that there needs to be accountability and scrutiny throughout the Brexit process.

"Next week we will debate amendments to the Article 50 Bill that would achieve that — in particular by guaranteeing a meaningful vote that ensures our Parliament votes on the Article 50 deal before the European Parliament does. The Government should welcome that, not reject it".