

The Prime Minister is increasingly isolated – Starmer on the Government's defeat in the House of Lords

Keir Starmer MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, on the Government's Brexit Bill amendment defeat in the House of Lords, said:

"This is a really welcome and important step forward. For months Labour has been urging the Prime Minister to end unnecessary uncertainty for EU citizens in the UK, and I am delighted our colleagues in the Lords have sent this clear message to the Prime Minister.

"Labour believe that EU nationals should not be used as bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations. There is a growing consensus that this must be resolved before Article 50 is triggered, and the Prime Minister is now increasingly isolated.

"Labour will continue to support this simple but effective amendment when it returns to the Commons, and urge MPs on all sides of the House to do so."