<u>This White Paper is a wish list, not an action plan — Keir Starmer</u>

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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".