

# **Urgent breakthrough needed to move Brexit discussions on – Keir Starmer**

**Keir Starmer MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union**, commenting on the latest round of Brexit negotiations, said:

“Any movement towards breaking the deadlock in Brexit negotiations is welcome, but the reality is that this should have happened months ago. Instead, the summer has been wasted by Cabinet infighting and the Prime Minister’s inflexibility on key issues such as the European Court of Justice.

“It looks highly likely that the October deadline for concluding the first phase of talks will be missed.

“This poses a real risk to the British economy and continuing uncertainty for EU and UK citizens.

“Both sides need urgently to work towards a breakthrough that can move discussions on to how Britain forges a strong, progressive partnership with the EU for the future.”