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Dear Stephen,

MPs4Brexit

Thank you for your email and letter on behalf of MPs4Brexit. I am sorry for the slight delay in replying to you after we met at Dunster Fair but as you will appreciate the week got very busy after we met on the Wednesday!

With regard to the two questions asked in your email I would respond as follows:

Question 1: Do you fully support the above principles of Brexit including the removal of Freedom of Movement?

When talking about this issue I think it is important to differentiate between economic migrants and people we need to allow entry because we do not have their skills in this country. I do not believe in the uncontrolled entry of economic migrants, but I do believe that we need to have rules that allow the entry of people who can shore up a skills shortage.

For example, when Hinkley A was decommissioned because it was so long since a nuclear power station of that type had been decommissioned we had a "lost skills" base for this type of work and needed to actually bring in people who specialised in nuclear decommissioning in places like America. Them being here subsequently allowed for the training of our home workforce. For Hinkley C we may well have a similar situation and need people with specialist nuclear skills for some of the work who can then help train up our domestic workforce and I would not want to see a situation when this was made almost impossible.

Question 2: Will you continue to oppose Brexit?

I have never opposed Brexit and will not do so in the future. The Referendum produced a majority for the "Leave" vote and Parliament and the country should abide by the result of a democratically held vote.

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I hope the foregoing is helpful and, as always, I am certainly happy to meet to discuss these matters further.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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