

Businesses need certainty and stability from the Government on terms of transitional deal – Starmer

Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Brexit Secretary, responding to the publication of the European Commission's guidelines on the next phase of the Brexit negotiations, said:

"The immediate priority for the Brexit talks must be to secure sensible transitional arrangements that will protect jobs and the economy.

"Labour has been clear that it would seek a time-limited transitional deal that maintains the same basic terms that we currently enjoy with the EU. That means we would seek to remain in a customs union with the EU and within the single market during this period. It means we would abide by the common rules of both.

"The Government must now follow Labour and the EU and set out its own proposals. Theresa May cannot allow herself to be wrong footed again by refusing to set out in detail the terms of the transitional deal she wants to reach. Businesses need certainty and stability from the Government, not more confusion and chaos."