

# Greens restate commitment to close relationship with EU as Brexit deadline passes

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- **Party reaffirms position that young people should not lose freedom to become Europeans**

With the Prime Minister set to abandon his self-imposed deadline for a trade deal today, the Green Party has said it continues to believe that the UK should retain membership of the single market and customs union.

The party has also reaffirmed its position that young people in particular should not lose their free movement rights.

Deputy leader Amelia Womack said:

“For young people the Brexit deal is not about fish or finance, but about our freedom to travel, work, live and fall in love across our beautiful shared continent.

“I am determined to continue to champion that amazing freedom that EU membership meant for young people.

“I will also campaign for us to stay in the Erasmus Plus scheme so that young people from poorer homes can also be free to travel and learn to become European citizens.

Former MEP and economist Molly Scott Cato added:

“Boris Johnson’s decision to abandon his self-imposed deadline and continue negotiating demonstrates that he is as fearful of No Deal as any of us.

“But any deal we are likely to get by the end of the month will be so thin as to lead to expensive additional red tape for businesses and the risk of massive disruption in supply chains.

“Surveys show that businesses are not prepared for either customs checks or the complex VAT arrangements that will come into force at the end of the year.” [1]

Womack said:

“The Brexit project has always sidelined the views and prospects of young people.

“I am convinced that my generation not only believe that another and better

Europe is possible, but that our place is right at the heart of it."

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