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Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, commenting on the second round of Brexit talks, said:

"The lack of progress in these negotiations is deeply concerning and does not bode well for the future. On issues such as the rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in Europe, Labour has been calling for action since July last year. 12 months later, after having been promised a swift resolution of the issue, we learn today that there remain "fundamental divergences" on this key issue. This means more waiting and more anxiety for millions of families.

"The lack of progress on this and other issues also calls into question whether phase two of the negotiations can commence in October.

"That will trigger deep concern for businesses and communities across the U.K, who need much greater certainty and reassurance than they are getting from this Government.

"The reality is that we have a Government that is unprepared, divided and incapable of securing a good deal for Britain. We urgently need a fresh approach."