

# Labour opposes a hard Brexit that would jeopardise jobs, environmental sustainability and the future prosperity of the British fishing industry – Hayman

## **Commenting**

on today's reports that Ministers will trigger exit from the London Fisheries Convention, shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, Sue Hayman MP, said:

"Labour opposes a hard Brexit that would jeopardise jobs, environmental sustainability and the future prosperity of the British fishing industry.

"The London Convention predates British membership of the EU by a decade and has arguably been superseded by the Common Fisheries Policy which the UK will withdraw from automatically following our leaving the EU.

"Given that the majority of fish caught by UK vessels are within the Atlantic (fishing area 27) which includes the edge of Greenland to North Russia and as far south as the bottom of Spain/Portugal, it is vital that any Brexit deal does not jeopardise access to these waters for our British fishing fleet.

"This provocative decision at this stage of the negotiations puts at risk those necessary and far more valuable fisheries management arrangements we will need to agree on leaving the EU as well as a tariff free trade deal so vital to our British fishing exports. It is another example of the Tories' reckless approach to Brexit."

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# The allegations of unlawful killings and war crimes in Afghanistan are extremely serious and must be fully investigated – Jeremy Corbyn

## **Responding**

**to allegations of a cover up of unlawful killings by U.K. forces in Afghanistan, Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, said:**

"The allegations of unlawful killings and war crimes in Afghanistan are extremely serious and must be fully investigated.

"Our armed forces have a reputation for decency and bravery. If we do not act on such shocking allegations we risk undermining that reputation, our security at home and the safety of those serving in the armed forces abroad.

"Our values and respect for the rule of law require full accountability. We owe it to our armed forces and the victims and their families to ensure that a thorough investigation takes place.

"There can be no question of a cover up. The government must now establish an independent inquiry into what has taken place."

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# "It is unacceptable that it has taken until now for the council to suspend rent for displaced residents in Grenfell Tower" – Gwynne

## **In**

**response to Kensington and Chelsea council suspending rent payments for Grenfell residents, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Andrew Gwynne MP, said:**

"It

is unacceptable that it has taken until now for the council to suspend rent for displaced residents in Grenfell Tower and the surrounding area that were evacuated from their homes.

"People have been made homeless in this tragedy, lost family, friends and everything they own – Sajid Javid needs to finally show some leadership and send in commissioners to take control of this council."

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## Government “trying to cover up” new NHS cuts – Ashworth

Jonathan Ashworth, Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary, has today accused Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt of “trying to cover up” a new round of NHS cuts, which include closing wards and services, extending waiting times and stopping treatments.

The NHS Capped Expenditure Process involves hundreds of millions of pounds of reductions to local health economies, but Government Ministers have so far refused to comment on the proposals.

**Jonathan Ashworth  
said:**

“I’ve today written to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt asking a raft of questions and outlining in no uncertain terms the major concern that Labour has regarding hundreds of millions of pounds of cuts to local health budgets.

“The process has been going on since at least April but so far there has been no announcement from the Health Secretary, his Ministers or the Department for Health. There is an astonishing lack of transparency around this whole process.

“Across the country patients and their families are living in fear that local services they rely on will be cut back to plug black hole which this government has created.

“This government wants to give the impression that this is for NHS managers to sort out and wash their hands of a process which involves

hundreds

of millions of pounds of public money. This is an unacceptable abdication of responsibilities to patients and the public and gives the impression of trying to cover up this new round of NHS cuts.”

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## Labour takes ‘No Mandate’ message to marginals

The

Labour Party will be out in force on Saturday 1st July promoting the message that the government has #NoMandate.

In the

first day of national campaigning since the election result, over 400 Constituency Labour Parties will be taking part in campaign activity, with Shadow Cabinet members out in every region across the country.

As part

of the national campaign day, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, will address a general election-style rally in Hastings. The constituency of Hastings and Rye is Home Secretary Amber Rudd’s seat, and is among the most marginal in the country with a majority of just 346 votes.

**Jeremy  
Corbyn will say:**

“I am

proud to be here today in Hastings where you came within a whisker – 346 votes

– of painting the town red and electing Peter Chowney as a Labour MP.

“Labour

gained seats across the country at the last general election, in every region and nation of Britain.

“Labour

is no longer just the Official Opposition, we are a government in waiting.

“It is

not good enough for politicians – including your MP the Home Secretary – to praise the police, firefighters and NHS staff when they respond to horrific incidents like the recent terrorist attacks or the Grenfell Tower fire, and then vote to make them worse off again year after year.

“This is

what happened in parliament this week. Nurses in our hospitals have had a real terms pay cut of 14 percent under this government and some are even having to use food banks. Yet the government refused to back our calls to lift the public sector pay cap and recruit more police and firefighters.

“You can’t keep our communities safe on the cheap. When you cut over 20,000 police officers, over 11,000 firefighters, and leave our hospitals in record deficit having to cut back on services.

“We have to change our economic system so that it works for the many, not just a few.”