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I write to you as one of your constituents to draw the book "[Rejoin EU: Reboot Britain](#)" to your attention. It concerns our need to rejoin the EU as a priority for the country. We simply cannot contemplate growth without a grown up conversation about the catastrophic effect that Brexit is having on the UK: economically, socially, politically, environmentally and so on. The re-emergence of President Trump makes it even more important that we act cohesively and collectively on the world stage.

Starmer's much trumpeted "deal" with Europe is not worthless, as it deals with a few items on the very long list of problems associated with Brexit, such as friction at borders for food, co-operation on defence and a partial restoration of freedom of movement for young people who did not vote for the Brexit disaster.

But ... and it's a very big **BUT**, the arrangements do **NOT** deal with the £140 BILLION pa black hole, which is the cost of Brexit in terms of losses and lost tax revenues. Starmer's reset arrangements are estimated to be worth around £9 billion over 15 years, that's less than £1 billion per annum. Although this is not nothing, but nowhere near the amount to justify the claims made by Labour. CPTPP, India, Trump's so-called US deal and now this. We'd need something like 100 deals of this magnitude, just to stand still ... and there are not 100 trading blocks on planet earth ... The numbers do not add up ... and of course, it's about more than economics. The full range of STEEPLE impacts are explored in the book.

The Executive Summary below gives the essence of the book, acclaimed by Lord Heseltine and Lord Newby. It's a rigorous piece of work which gives the granular detail and is the work of some 60 people across the UK and Europe, including former MEPs, a KC and eminent experts across many fields. In essence, this forms the basis of an evidence bundle for debate and conversations with colleagues. We are also willing to give professional presentations to meetings locally and in parliament via our keynote speaker network, having done so in several places already.

"Thank you for your letter. I am glad you are undertaking this work which is both needed and timely".

The Rt Hon the Lord Heseltine CH

"Many thanks for sending me a copy of your book, which I've now had time to have a proper look at. It's an extremely useful document and contains a lot of material which we can use in speeches etc. All good wishes for your efforts in this area".

Lord Newby

I would be very pleased to meet with you, if it would help you or the government understand how Brexit has affected constituents like me. Perhaps you have a surgery planned that I could attend?

Please share the book with other colleagues in Parliament If you want to use it in briefings or adopt it for your own use, it is available to edit freely under a Creative Commons licence. We are also open to delivering professional presentations on the material to groups.

Yours sincerely

Your name

Reboot Britain : Rejoin EU : Executive Summary

Sir Keir Starmer continues to states that there is no case to Rejoin the EU. We disagree and have written [this book](#) to explain why the case for applying to Rejoin the EU is overwhelming, as part of a strategy to Reboot Britain and begin the path towards sustainable growth.

Although ending Brexit and applying to Rejoin the EU is not a magic bullet solution to UK's problems, the impacts will be wide ranging and felt right across the **STEEPLE** (Social, Technological, Economic, Environmental, Political, Legal and Ethical) factors. In each section we examine the elements of what Rejoining the EU offers Britain. Here are the main points:

Economic Brexit gave us a 4.5% hit to UK's long-term resilience (now looking more like 8%), costing us £140 Billion per annum in economic losses and lost taxes. It also resulted in a transfer of £1.4 trillion from UK to EU countries. All talk of sustainable and substantial growth is fantasy under these underlying long-term economic drag factors. The damage from Brexit is not yet complete, due to unfinished business and staged implementation / delays of elements of the Brexit deal. Since markets respond instantly, the strategic intent to Rejoin EU will have immediate economic effects and longer-term impacts that affect UK's health, wealth and happiness.

Sadly, we are unlikely to recover the costs of food inflation which have affected the cost of living in UK by 1/3. Some of the impacts of Brexit are now baked into the British economy. But we can mitigate further losses by acting urgently through strategic leadership. This includes an end to the well documented disaster of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the severely under-reported disaster of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs).

Social / Cultural The Brexit experiment did not fix immigration. In fact it made the problem worse, whilst it emboldened an intolerant nation of people who feel that they are victims, facilitated by multi-millionaires also claiming victimhood. A major education exercise is needed to address the perceived problems in a society which believed that Brexit was a magic bullet solution to racial purity and most of whom are now experiencing Brexit buyers' remorse. At the same time Brexit has crushed Freedom of Movement (FOM) for British people with all the complications that this brings.

Britain does not have enough people of working age to fill employment gaps across a wider range of sectors, including health, social care, hospitality and farming. Our demographics demand that we use legal immigrants to contribute to society rather than incarcerating them in hotels and fuelling angst by those in politics and the media. Our NHS is in critical care, in part due to the aftermath of the COVID crisis, but critically damaged by losses of skilled staff. This is due to the demonisation of immigrants after Brexit, the non-arrival of the promised £18.2 pa Brexit bounty (£350 million per week) and the lack of support for social care to alleviate log jams in the healthcare system.

Lest we forget, the European Union began as a means of preserving peace across Europe. We each paid 37 pence a day or half a Mars bar for this privilege which hardly registered on people's council tax bills. On this ground alone, we need to restore our place at the top table to unite against the various threats that have subsequently revealed themselves.

Political All trade relies on relationships and solid bonds of trust. The Brexit negotiations shattered relationships with Europe, decimating the currency of trust. Clearly a great deal of rebuilding is needed. However, the vast majority of the Brexit culture carriers (MPs, advisors, influencers and so on) have now been removed from power or totally discredited. Our new political leaders can confidently step forward to rebuild relationships and trust.

However, Labour are unlikely to win a second term by just being 'not as bad as the Tories'. Politics on the right is in such a state of flux and many twists and turns will occur up to the next general election. It is a mistake to pray at the altar of extremism by allowing Nigel Farage and a few far-right populists to lead policy making and the political zeitgeist in UK.

Whilst the EU stands to gain relatively little economically from our re-entry, there is considerable political capital for EU to be gained from our return to the fold as the 'prodigal son who came back'. Rejoining will also bolster unity with respect to Russian aggression against Europe and in other matters of security, science, collaboration, cultural exchange and cybercrime. It will also give us greater leverage in our dealings with Donald Trump.

Technological In the 4th industrial age, data exchange, information, knowledge and wisdom are major engines of economic growth rather than the industries that grew up in the 18th Century. In such a world, we need global standards, not a race to the bottom via national exceptionalism. We have lost considerable ground in science which is a global affair and which does not respond to five-year plans. AI and machine learning also require global governance if we are to harness the opportunities of the 4th industrial age.

Environmental Climate change is a global issue, of greater impact than Brexit. Nonetheless Brexit contributes to environmental damage across the world, through extended transportation of goods, moral hazard through lower standards for food and other products, and a desire to return to the 1st industrial age by a segment of climate deniers in politics. The impacts on our future viability as a species are the same, regardless of whether man or biology caused climate change. We cannot continue to damage our environmental and physical health through a race to the bottom driven by lower standards.

Neither have the promised benefits of Brexit materialised in agriculture and fishing. Support for these sectors from UK Government has been demonstrably less than we had as a full member of the EU, despite previous criticisms of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP). Although Brexit is not directly to blame for our food insecurity, the time is right for a root and branch review of food, farming, land and labour.

Legal and Ethical UK once led the world as a standard setter in legal and ethical issues. Much of the law enacted by the European Court of Human Rights emanates from UK. As the world becomes a more dangerous place due to cybercrime, terrorism and the influence of dark money, we must not indulge in a race to the bottom with other dubious agents of populism. Instead we must lead in an alliance of champions.

Reboot Britain : Rejoin EU : A Better Britain in a Better Europe for a Better World.