

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the implications of Brexit for Scotland

Following the EU referendum result, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Scotland have both been clear that the UK Government will work with the Scottish Government and the other devolved administrations to get the best deal for Scotland and the whole of the United Kingdom in the negotiations with the EU. The first visit the Prime Minister made was to meet the First Minister in Edinburgh, which I believe demonstrates the importance she places on the Union.

The Prime Minister has been clear that the Government will negotiate our departure from the EU "as one United Kingdom", and we will leave "as one United Kingdom". As we leave, the Government is committed to securing a deal that works for all parts of the UK, including Scotland, and for the UK as a whole.

As the Prime Minister has set out, the UK will seek a new, equal partnership between an independent, self-governing, Global Britain and our friends and allies in the EU. Although we are leaving the European Union, we are not leaving Europe. The rights and entitlements that will apply following the UK's exit are subject to wider negotiation on our future relationship.

The Joint Ministerial Committee on EU Negotiations, chaired by the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, has been established with the devolved administrations. Stakeholders across Scotland are also being engaged with extensively to hear about their views and priorities directly.

The UK Government welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government's paper and will look seriously at these proposals.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me about this important issue.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY