

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the status of EU/UK Nationals in the UK/EU.

Securing the status of EU citizens, as well as that of British nationals in the EU, is a priority now that Article 50 has been triggered and the negotiations have begun. It goes without saying that EU nationals make an invaluable contribution to our economy, our society and our daily lives. I can assure you that there has been no change in their status in the UK.

The discussions that the Government has with the European Union to agree the arrangements for the UK's exit will undoubtedly reflect the immense contribution made by EU citizens to our economy, our NHS and our schools, and in so many other ways.

I understand you may be concerned about how long this is taking to resolve, but the Government remains committed to providing reassurance to EU nationals here and UK nationals in the EU as a priority now Article 50 has been triggered. Some EU countries insisted that there could be 'no negotiation before notification', and therefore that nothing could be settled until Article 50 was triggered.

It is in the best interests of all for this issue to be reconciled as quickly as possible. Until exit negotiations are concluded, the UK remains a full member of the European Union and all the rights and obligations of EU membership remain in force.

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' with a stylized flourish.

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**