



I am setting out my voting record on the indicative votes and on Brexit. As I have said before, I favour the Prime Minister's Deal and will continue to vote for it as long as it is brought back to the floor of the House of Commons. It is not a perfect deal by any means, but it already contains the necessary compromises and takes account of the views of those like me who voted to remain. It is the first step and leads to two years of intensive negotiation on what the relationship between the UK and the EU should be – a negotiation which will be conducted without Theresa May as Prime Minister.

Let me repeat what I have said before, the Referendum was a national vote, not a vote based on individual constituencies which were neither the voting nor the counting entities. As a nation, the voting was to leave.

None of the options in both sets of indicative votes were whipped. There was no party line to follow.

The first set of indicative votes were held on 27 March. There were 8 options. These were:

	For	Against	Defeated by
Confirmatory referendum I abstained in this vote. I did not wish to end the process of exploring a confirmatory referendum at this stage.	268	295	27
Customs union A customs union is not the customs arrangement I was elected on. It would represent a serious loss of foreign policy influence.	264	272	8
Labour's Brexit plan Adds nothing to the debate and does not offer the full potential of a deal.	237	307	70
Common Market 2.0	188	283	95

Not a realistic proposition and would almost certainly not be acceptable to the EU.

Revoking Article 50 to avoid no deal

This is not what I stood at election for in 2017. 184 293 109

No-deal exit on 12 April

I did not support this. This is not about WTO terms but about providing certainty to British companies operating in the EU. 160 400 240

Malthouse Plan B

Superficially attractive but unlikely to be negotiable with the EU. 139 422 283

EFTA and EEA membership

I cannot see any advantages from membership of either organisation which would leave us with difficult options. 65 377 312

The second round of indicative votes occurred on 1 April. The Speaker chose four options.

For Against Defeated by

Customs union

I stood on a manifesto that we would seek a partnership arrangement for a customs arrangement. This is far from a customs union. However, if the motion in future wanted to clarify this I would look at supporting it. 273 276 3

'Common Market 2.0'

This does not take us out of the EU and leaves us, with Norway, accepting rules. 261 282 21

Confirmatory public vote

280 292 12

I have been clear all along that I do not favour another referendum. The process is going nowhere.

Parliamentary supremacy

This motion sets up a false dichotomy between no deal and revoking article 50.

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