

## **Gerard Batten: "It's twelve months until the day that we don't really leave the EU"**

With twelve months to go until the UK is supposed to leave the EU, UKIP Leader Gerard Batten has weighed in on this apparent milestone.

The UKIP Leader referred to the date as "the day when we don't really leave the EU", stating that "Brexit is being betrayed and we're being set up to remain in the EU by the back door."

Mr Batten commented:

"We're twelve months away from the day when we don't really leave the EU."

"The draft withdrawal agreement and the European Council's guidelines for the post-Brexit relationship with the EU means that we are going to remain shackled to the EU in so many ways."

"The list of retreats by the Prime Minister is long and damning – for starters, they've agreed to pay the £40 billion so-called "divorce bill" to the EU. We will continue to obey EU law and Britain will continue to be bound by the decisions of the EU Court of Justice. We've failed to gain control of our fishing grounds and Mrs May intends to sign a new Security Treaty which will embroil us in the EU's dangerous military ambitions, and keep the Police and Criminal Justice measures, such as the evil European Arrest Warrant."

"Even a cursory glance at the facts reveals that this isn't really leaving the EU, but an agreement where we leave in name only. The 17.4 million who voted for Brexit are being betrayed and we're being set up for a situation where we can easily re-enter the EU by the back door in a few years' time. Brexit is simply not happening under this Tory government."

"We must also not forget that the Withdrawal Agreement still has to be voted on by the European Parliament and could be rejected. We would then be back to square one like a political game of snakes and ladders."

"We are in this mess because our Government has asked the European Union how we might leave, when it should have told the EU how we are leaving."

"UKIP will continue to fight for complete unencumbered exit from the EU by calling out the endless retreats by Mrs May who doesn't really want us to leave anyway."

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