

EU extends deadline to end of January 2020

Donald Tusk revealed on Twitter this morning that there will be a flexextension to the Brexit deadline until the end of January 2020.

The EU27 has agreed that it will accept the UK's request for a [#Brexit](#) flexextension until 31 January 2020. The decision is expected to be formalised through a written procedure.

– Donald Tusk (@eucopresident) [October 28, 2019](#)

Scottish Green co-leader Patrick Harvie said: “Given Boris Johnson has been trying to bypass all scrutiny and accountability to get his extreme Brexit done by Halloween in a timetable he himself described as ‘do or die’, this is a welcome voice of reason from the European Union.

“Now there is time for a disastrous right-wing Brexit to be avoided, but this requires the opposition parties at Westminster to stop squabbling about election dates and come together to stop this minority government and implement a people’s vote.”

Meanwhile the SNP and the LibDems had combined forces to send a letter to the EU asking for a meaningful extension to the Brexit deadline so that opposition parties could work to seek an early General Election.

They have said that they will not support the Prime Minister’s motion to Parliament today however as Boris Johnson has not

made it clear what the terms of an extension to the Article 50 process would entail. They want to remove the risk of a no deal Brexit which SNP Westminster leader said would be 'devastating'.

Sometime after 5.00pm today the Prime Minister's motion "That there shall be an early parliamentary general election" will be debated for 90 minutes. Labour have said that they will not support the motion so the Prime Minister is unlikely to get the two-thirds majority he needs to get parliamentary approval.