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Thank you for your letter of 20 December about Brighton and Hove Council's debate on Brexit.

You asked me to consider the council and the city's strong desire for a referendum on the final terms of an EU Exit deal, including the option to maintain full European Union membership. Whilst I note your request, this Government is delivering what the British public voted for, and the Prime Minister has made clear that there will not be a second referendum.

Since June, we have worked intensively with our European partners to settle the issues in the first phase of our negotiations to leave the EU. We have made good progress and have reached agreement with the EU's negotiators on some very difficult issues. Government has published a series of papers on the new deep and special partnership the UK wants to build with the EU, and we will continue to negotiate our positive and ambitious future relationship.

Parliament will be given time to debate and scrutinise the legislation implementing the final agreement we strike with the EU. Our commitment to bring forward the Withdrawal Agreement and Implementation Bill - to implement our final agreement with the EU - will be over and above the long-standing commitment to a vote in both Houses on the final deal, which the Prime Minister and the Department for Exiting the European Union both confirmed on 24 October 2017.

I hope this response satisfies your request.



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