

Brexit - What next?

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Grey line / box - possible but prob not calculated

Black line - possible option, thickness corresponds to accumulated probability

Route ruled out - no longer possible

0.2 Probability at a decision node

12% Accumulated probability of outcome

Remain parties stick to original plan to legislate to stop No Deal Brexit - using SO24 and asking for a 3 month Article 50 delay

Johnson pre-empts the Commons on 4 Sept and tables FTPA motion for a General Election anyway, before legislative route has completed

Law to circumvent FTPA - requires simple majority in Commons but also requires Lords (hence not enough time)

No 2/3 majority for election under FTPA

Johnson accepts the Backstop and seeks to pass the Withdrawal Agreement (WA) through Commons

Johnson goes off to Brussels and requests more time, as the Commons has instructed him

Legislative efforts succeed 4-6 Sept and law is passed (has passed the Commons 4 Sept, now has to pass Lords)

Legislative efforts fail, or Bill runs out of time in Lords before Prorogation of Parliament

Johnson changes tack, seeks to revert Irish Backstop to original form - only applies to NI - Requires change to Withdrawal Agreement but EU is OK with principle

Johnson changes tack, seeks to narrow the scope of the Backstop to agri and food matters - requires change to the Withdrawal Agreement

Johnson says he is still seeking a Brexit with a Deal, but does not explicitly ask EU for more time - sits it out

Johnson retables the GE motion under FTPA on 9 or 10 Sept, aiming for 15 Oct GE

UK heads deeper into constitutional crisis

Prorogation succeeds and Commons does not sit until 14 October

Cherry et al case failed 4 Sep

UK is in uncharted waters as it has suspended its legislature - how this practically will play out is anyone's guess
Protests? Strikes? Alternative Parliament? Queen intervenes?

EU agrees

EU doesn't agree

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Labour is OK with this, so 2/3 majority achieved

Labour only accepts an election after 31 October, amends motion accordingly

Labour doesn't trust Johnson at all and insists post 31 Oct election date set in law - needs Lords approval

Commons votes in favour of Deal with original backstop

Commons votes against Deal with original backstop

Commons votes in favour of Deal with agrifood backstop

Commons votes against Deal with agrifood backstop

Johnson does not keep his word, holds election earlier (prob 15 Oct)

Johnson keeps his word, and holds election after 31 Oct

DUP furious at Johnson's approach

14 or 15 October Post prorogation (earlier if Cherry succeeds)
Vote of No Confidence (VONC)

VONC passes

VONC doesn't pass

No administration can be formed, so after 14 days UK goes for General Election

Interim administration with Corbyn as PM formed - goes for General Election

Interim administration with centrist PM formed - goes for General Election

Interim administration with centrist or Corbyn as PM formed - goes for renegotiation with the EU then People's Vote

Interim administration with centrist PM formed - revives Theresa May's Deal

Might need emergency legislation to prevent No Deal in 14 day period

Might need emergency legislation to prevent No Deal before 31 Oct - will pass

Legislation passes

Legislation doesn't pass

EU refuses at the last minute to unconditionally grant the UK more time, to avert No Deal

EU agrees at the last minute to unconditionally grant the UK more time, to avert No Deal

UK has approved a Brexit Deal, but then heads for a General Election as DUP no longer supports Conservatives
(needs a technical Art 50 extension to for time to ratify)
Chance: 2%

UK has approved an amended Deal agri food only Backstop
(needs a technical Art 50 extension to for time to ratify)
Chance: 1%

UK heads for a General Election in late Oct or after (needs few months extension of Art 50 to organise - EU will agree this)
Chance: 55%

UK heads for a General Election before 17 Oct (17 Oct is European Council - probably doesn't need Art 50 extension)
Chance: 27%

UK plans 2nd Ref in 2020 (needs 9-12 months ext of Art 50 - EU will agree this)
Chance: 4%

Brexit with a Deal happens legally but after 31 Oct 2019 (needs a technical Art 50 extension)
Chance: 2%

No Deal Brexit looms on 31 October 2019,
Chance: 5%

Commons votes to Revoke Article 50
Chance: 0%

Further extension to Article 50 period granted to UK, but with no clear justification
Chance: 4%

Cumulative Chance GE: 84%
Cumulative Chance Deal: 5%

BIG CAVEAT HERE! I cannot predict how a General Election would go. Were it won by Tories, especially if held before 17 Oct, there is a substantial chance of No Deal after an election!