

Brexit What Next?

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<https://jonworth.eu/brexit-what-next/>
Diagram is organised chronologically

The thickness of the lines is proportional to
the accumulated probability

Probability at each node is indicated with
numbers - 0.1 to 1

Grey boxes indicate options with
probability too low to calculate

Probability of each outcome is indicated as
a percentage in the orange boxes at the
end

Important interim probabilities in this version

Chances Johnson is PM at 17 October
European Council: **40%**

Chances he is not: **57%**

Chances he is in court: **3%**

This route has been eliminated
due to the nature of the Supreme
Court judgment - prorogation can
now only be used for the purpose
of a new Queen's Speech. Long
prorogation to waste time not
possible.

A regular, short prorogation has
no impact on the outcomes-

Supreme Court rules
prorogation
is **justiciable**, and
**this prorogation is
unlawful and is
annulled**

Commons sits
again 24 September
onwards

Johnson **refuses
to resign**

Government decides
to prorogue again for
> 5 day period

Opposition changes
default in Benn Act to
Revoke Article 50 in
the absence of a
Deal

Opposition take
control of Commons
Agenda, amend
Benn Act to bring
forward date of Art
50 extension request

**Amendment
fails**

**Amendment
succeeds**

**Johnson complies
and sends letter**

**Johnson doesn't
comply**

Johnson resigns

"Mountfield alternative Prime
Minister Route" is explained
here: <http://j.mp/MountfieldRoute>

No majority for any
alternative Prime
Minister found

A VONC will only pass with the
backing of some of the Tories
that lost the whip. These MPs will
probably not back Jeremy
Corbyn as interim PM, and nor
will they back a VONC if it leads
to chaos / danger of No Deal

Corbyn will back an interim PM if
it leads to the General Election
that he wants

Note: there is no legal form for a
"Caretaker Prime Minister" - this
means a majority of MPs would
back a neutral figure (not a party
leader) for an interim period, with
criteria to deliver a General
Election or People's Vote

Number 10 has
hinted that Johnson
might send the letter,
but also send a
further letter
contradicting the first.

EU side only the
extension request is
binding - I do not see
the EU falling for this
tactic.

**Court case against
Johnson** for non
compliance with
Benn Act or for
refusal to resign

**No idea what the
hell happens here** -
especially if the 14
days under FTPA are
still ticking

**Johnson refuses
everything**, and
does not ask for
extension as
Commons requested

Johnson gets a Deal
that he brings back
to the Commons (Deal
must be different
enough to allow
Bercow to sanction a
vote on it)

**EU offers UK a 3
month extension
anyway** (Art 50 only
requires agreement
of exiting Member
State), complies with
Benn Act

**Johnson asks for an
Article 50
extension** to allow
the UK to hold a
General Election, or
**Vince-Maugham
case noble
officium** forces the
letter to be sent

**Caretaker takes UK
towards a General
Election**

**Caretaker takes UK
towards a 2nd
Referendum**

**Vote of No
Confidence (VONC)
or Mountfield
Route** around 21 Oct

**Johnson refuses
everything**, and
does not ask for
extension as
Commons requested

Deal fails

Deal passes

**Caretaker PM goes
to European
Council 17 Oct, asks
for Article 50
extension, UK
nominates a
European
Commissioner**

**Caretaker PM goes
to European
Council 17 Oct, asks
for 6-9 month
Article 50
extension, UK
nominates a
European
Commissioner**

**Last minute No Deal
versus Revoke
showdown**

**Last minute formation
of Govt with
Caretaker PM, asks
EU for ext for a
General Election**

Brexit with a Deal
(will require a
technical Article 50
Extension to
implement)
-%

**General Election
before end of 2019**
(requires at least 3
month Article 50
Extension)
60%

**General Election
early 2020**
(requires at least 6
month Article 50
Extension)
27%

**2nd Referendum
sometime 2020**
(requires 6-9 month
Article 50 Extension)
6%

No Deal 31 Oct
1%

Article 50 Revoked
UK stays in the EU
6%

Combined chance of a
General Election: **87%**

EU will not refuse an Article 50 Extension if it is for
a General Election or a People's Vote

Please note: a General Election could lead to No Deal. This is the chance of No Deal on 31 October only!

