

Brexit What Next?

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 at:

<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: **26%**
 Chances he is not: **70%**
 Chances he is in court: **4%**

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.

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

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

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

Government decides
 to prorogue again for
 > 5 day period

Johnson **refuses
 to resign**

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

**Vote of No
 Confidence (VONC)
 or Mountfield
 alternative Prime
 Minister
 route
 before 17 Oct**

No majority for any
 alternative Prime
 Minister found

Vote fails

Vote succeeds

**Johnson refuses
 to resign**

**Johnson
 resigns**

Queen effectively
 sacks Johnson, asks
 someone else to form
 Government

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

**Johnson goes to the
 European Council
 17 Oct**

**Opposition parties
 and ex-Tories
 unify
 behind a caretaker
 Prime Minister**

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

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

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 to the Commons (Deal
 must be different
 enough to allow
 Berrow to sanction a
 vote on it)

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 month extension
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 of exiting Member
 State), complies
 with Benn Act

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 Article 50
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 the UK to hold a
 General Election, or
**Vince-Maughan
 case nobile
 officium** forces the
 letter to be sent

**Caretaker takes UK
 towards a General
 Election**

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

Deal fails

Deal passes

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 Confidence (VONC)
 or Mountfield
 Route** around 21 Oct

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VONC fails

VONC succeeds

**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)
7%

No Deal 31 Oct
1%

Article 50 Revoked
 UK stays in the EU
5%

**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!