



**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 which will  
 happen anyway, are for info purposes  
 Probability of each outcome is indicated as  
 a percentage in the orange boxes at the  
 end

NOTE: this is only the chance of No Deal on 31 October! No Deal after a General Election is still possible but probability not calculable!

Combined chances of GE: 63%  
 And yes, a GE is not an end point - but I cannot predict a GE just now!

At the time of writing it is not clear what the detail of a Deal will look like - this diagram assumes it's a NI only backstop with tweaks

Note this does not mean a Deal is necessarily ruled out - at this stage "we need more time" still ends up triggering Benn Act

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 Assumption here this would proceed without problems!

WEEK COMMENCING 7 OCT

WEEK COMMENCING 14 OCT

WEEK COMMENCING 21 OCT

UK SIDE | EU SIDE

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START

Negotiations continue in Brussels

Queen's Speech 14 Oct

Idea for Commons to sit on 19 Oct dropped (no programme motion 15 or 16 Oct)

Programme motion voted 15 or 16 Oct - to allow Commons to sit Saturday 19 Oct

Debate on Queen's Speech 15, 16, 17 Oct

Programme motion refused

Programme motion agreed

Johnson goes to 17 Oct European Council knowing a Deal cannot still be approved in principle by Commons 19 Oct

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No agreement or agreement to keep talking at European Council

Johnson gets a Deal at European Council

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Johnson gets a Deal at European Council

Johnson faces Commons 19 Oct empty handed

Benn Act Deadline passes, but with prospect of a Deal

Johnson in Commons 19 Oct with a Deal agreed with EU

Government does nothing that can be legally binding as per the Benn Act - arguing simply that more time is needed

Government brings forward a vote on No Deal Brexit

Govt re-tables May's Deal for Meaningful Vote 4 (MV4)

Commons makes approval of Deal contingent on a People's Vote

Vote fails shortly after 21 Oct

Commons agrees Johnson's Deal, possibly after 19 Oct

No Deal vote passes

Vote fails

MV4 passes

Deal to be approved by People's Vote passes

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Violence breaks out at 19 Oct marches, Govt considers using Civil Contingencies Act

Johnson refuses to send extension letter (contrary what was said to Court in Vince/Maughan/Cherry case)

Johnson sends extension letter

Johnson resigns

First Secretary of State Raab sends extension letter

Johnson resigns rather than implementing the will of the Commons to hold a Referendum

PM Johnson stomachs what the Commons has voted, stays on as PM to take UK towards referendum

Barrier to passing a Deal is timing issue initially - Deal cannot be ratified by 31 Oct, so extension needed to ratify

Queen's Speech Vote 21/22 Oct

There should be a vote on the Queen's Speech, but there is no PM - so priority is to find an interim Prime Minister

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Government wins Queen's Speech vote

Government loses Queen's Speech vote

Johnson Resigns

Outcome of case does not result in extension letter sent to EU

Outcome of case results in extension letter sent to EU

Johnson refuses to resign

Johnson Resigns

Corbyn tables Vote of No Confidence

One EU Member State rejects extension request

VONC Fails

VONC Succeeds

Johnson refuses to resign

Johnson Resigns after VONC

Johnson cannot be removed

Queen effectively sacks Johnson

Johnson survives, but in a sort of no-mans land - cannot get the Brexit he wants, but not ousted either

Rules of Fixed-term Parliaments Act apply - leads to General Election

Scramble to form alternative caretaker Government in 14 days under FTPA

Need to form alternative caretaker Government but no 14 day time limit

Johnson calls election under FTPA, requires 2/3 majority

Johnson does not get a majority

Johnson gets the 2/3 majority

No Caretaker administration formed - so acting PM can decide when election happens - as this person would be a Conservative will be sooner rather than later

Caretaker administration formed

Caretaker PM goes for General Election first

Caretaker PM goes for People's Vote first

Caretaker administration formed to take UK to referendum

No Deal on 31 Oct  
**2%**

Article 50 Revoked by 31 Oct  
**6%**

Stalemate - extension but no clear plan, talks to find Deal continue  
**14%**

General Election in late 2019 (needs 3 month Art 50 extension)  
**50%**

General Election in early 2020 (needs 6-9 month Art 50 extension)  
**13%**

2nd Referendum in mid-2020 (needs 9 month Art 50 extension)  
**13%**

Brexit with a Deal (will need a technical Art 50 extension to implement)  
**2%**