



**SSTIE**  
**Sevenoaks and Swanley**  
**Together in Europe**

***SSTIE is a group of individuals from in and around Sevenoaks and Swanley who believe that the UK's interests are best served by remaining a member of the European Union.***



***SSTIE strives to ensure that parliament and people will have the final say on our country's destiny.***



**Demand a vote on the final Brexit deal**  
**<https://www.peoples-vote.uk/>**

***To find out more and to join the group, go to***

**[www.sstie.uk](http://www.sstie.uk)**





# Sovereignty

The EU has taken away our sovereignty.



- The UK Parliament is sovereign and makes Britain's laws on education, health, crime, defence, social policy and many other areas
- EU law covers issues affecting all member states, such as trade policy and regulation of the single market, and shared problems such as climate change and terrorism. The UK has a vote on all EU policies; since 1999 it has agreed with 95% of proposed law.
- Remaining within the EU means we can influence the rules to benefit our economy, our society and our citizens.
- Together, we can address worldwide problems such as migration from Africa and the Middle East and global security threats.



New UK laws in 2018 addressed domestic issues of: the gender pay gap, animal cruelty, data protection (matching EU law), MOT on classic cars, gambling & drones.

# Immigration

The EU is to blame for too much immigration.



- Immigration to the UK is higher from non-EU countries than from EU countries.
- The UK controls its own borders and has border checks on entry to the country.
- The EU also has rules to control migration. Migration from the EU appears high because the UK chooses not to implement them.
- Migration from the EU benefits the UK. Foreign workers pay on average far more in taxes than British-born residents.
- Much of the UK economy depends on vital migrant workers, skilled and unskilled. EU migrants to the UK who cannot find work in 3 months can be sent home.
- UK citizens enjoy EU freedom of movement: 1.4 million Brits live across the EU, mainly in Spain, France and Germany.

Support Free Movement?  
72% of British people said YES  
Only 20% said NO



EU workers are often young as well as temporary and flexible. They fill a need in many sectors of the economy. 63,000 NHS staff come from other EU countries.

# Trade



The EU stops us trading across the world.



- The UK trades with over 60 countries thanks to its EU membership.
- 48% of our exports go to the EU and over half our imports come from the EU. The UK needs fast, tariff-free trade with the EU to maintain supply chains in both directions.
- 'No-deal' means trading by WTO rules. These do not eliminate tariffs or border controls.
- The UK imports over half of its food. 60% of it comes from the EU and a further 11% under EU agreements. If we crash out, these deals end. Food would cost more.
- The EU has a market of 500 million people and the economic power to secure good trade deals that benefit the UK.
- EU trade agreements safeguard environmental standards and product safety, and protect workers' rights.
- If the UK tried to negotiate on its own, it would be too small to secure such favourable deals.

**PORT OF DOVER TRAFFIC**  
AN AVERAGE OF 10,000 LORRIES PASS THROUGH DOVER EACH DAY



# Cost

We pay too much to the EU.



- The lies on the bus: we do NOT pay "£350 million a week to Brussels". The UK receives a special rebate. Our net contribution is about £9 billion a year, less than 1% of UK Government spending.
- Recent Government research confirms that the UK will be considerably poorer outside the EU.
- The EU provides financing for UK enterprises, agriculture, regional development and scientific research.
- The economic loss caused by leaving the EU would be significantly more than our contribution. The 'divorce bill' alone could cost the UK between £30 billion and £39 billion.
- The UK Government expects the economy to shrink after Brexit. Fewer jobs mean less tax revenue which means the Government has less money to fund the NHS, not more.
- Plans to exit the EU are estimated to be costing the public purse £500 million a week – RIGHT NOW!



1% of GDP

