

**Tom Tugendhat  
Conservative Candidate  
for Tonbridge and Malling**



Response from Matt Boughton

*"Thank you very much for your e-mail to Tom. You can find his stance on Brexit on his website."*

This is what the website says

**BREXIT**

my thoughts

Brexit is understandably going to be a significant issue in this General Election and a lot of people have mentioned it on the doorsteps.

Like many, I voted to remain in the original referendum in 2016, but accept that the country, and our community locally, voted in favour of leaving.

Having had the privilege to represent Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling in Parliament since the referendum result, I have voted to leave the EU at every possible opportunity, including backing the latest deal Prime Minister Boris Johnson negotiated.

I am conscious of how the uncertainty is damaging our economy. This is one of the reasons why I have never voted in favour of extending Article 50. We know what the options are, we now need to take a decision.

There is no way back. The UK needs to leave the European Union with a deal and build our relationships with the rest of the world, including European friends and partners. This respects the referendum result and will lead to the best outcome for our community. As Boris Johnson said both recently and during the referendum campaign, it would be a failure of statesmanship to leave without a deal. For us in Kent, it would run the risk of many potentially severe impacts, not least the M26 being turned into a lorry park. This is something I have spoken out strongly against in the past and will work to ensure we maintain flowing borders.

It is essential that this General Election gives some certainty as to the future direction of our country. I hope you will be able to support me on 12 December 2019, so we can deliver Brexit with a deal and ensure that our community's voice is heard.