

Taking back just a little bit of control

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I won't deny that I was pleased by yesterday's successful rebellion in the House of Commons. There were three reasons for being so.

First, this was about making clear parliament must be sovereign.

Second, this was about ensuring that there is a real decision making process, and so choice.

Third, this was about the ability of some parliamentarians to realise that there are bigger issues than blind party loyalty.

On all three counts yesterday was a cause for celebration, especially when we have an executive so obviously out of control and unable to protect national interests.

But let's be clear what is not on the cards for celebration, and that is anything as such to do with the chance of Brexit happening: that Juggernaut rolls on unquestioned.

So the sense that something has been achieved is real. But that something relates to the rights of parliament. That is vitally important. But let's not get carried away.