

The wreckers are getting their way

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I am in very many ways surprised that the EU is still negotiating Brexit.

Last December the only thing that has ever been agreed during these negotiations - the Northern Ireland backstop - [was put in place](#). It was the condition for moving on to trade talks. And now the UK wants to renege on that agreement.

I can only conclude that the EU's persistence does mean that they want a deal. It would be hard to think anything else in the light of the UK's appalling lack of negotiating skill and goodwill. There are wiser heads beyond these shores. But it does not mean anyone will get near an outcome now, in my opinion. The realisation that the wreckers in the UK cabinet are now intent on destruction must dawn on everyone soon. And it seems that there is nothing and no one to stop them.