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A majority of 230 says it all.

Three thoughts. First, if anyone harms democracy it is Tory MPs who voted against their party and leader tonight and will say they have confidence in May tomorrow.

Second, once a no confidence motion is over and done with the next job of Parliament is to pass legislation to prevent a no deal departure from the EU on 29 March. The EU Withdrawal Act has to be amended to ensure that parliament does get its wish on this.

Third, next parliament has to postpone Article 50 notice on the grounds that we need time to hold an election or a referendum, which not being known as yet.

Those are the only real courses of action that can be taken immediately. Then there is time for a little more consideration. That is essential. And that has to happen without the clock ticking too loudly.