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Rishi Sunak will hope he gets a deal on Northern Ireland today.

So do I. Most especially for the people of Northern Ireland. It is about time a politician did the right thing by them.

Let's be clear though. Northern Ireland voted to stay in the EU. It was the likes of Sunak, by supporting Johnson's folly on Brexit, who created the mess that at so many levels has been witnessed there since Brexit happened.

It is the Tories, with their fear of their own DUP inspired right wing, who have exacerbated and exploited this mess. It is they who will still oppose it and seek to create instability as a result.

And it is Sunak who has dithered all along on this issue.

And now, with staggering political incompetence, Sunak apparently wants to involve the King in this agreement. I presume he thinks this would imply it was Unionist and that this might dissipate concern amongst some in Northern Ireland. All I see is a play to sectarianism and the politicisation of the royal family which cannot be good for them when the runes suggest the UK is coming to its end as a union.

Today will no doubt reveal twists and turns. It may not even deliver. But there is one thing we do know. This is that none of this was necessary. We need never have left the EU. It was fools like Sunak who argued that we should. He does not deserve any plaudits for sorting out the mess that he and Boris Johnson created.