

Our Chairman's remarks at the Leave Alliance launch, Wednesday 16th March

Our cross-party Campaign (known as CIB) was formed in 1969 by concerned parliamentarians and organisations, opposed to membership of the EEC. When they failed to prevent the passage of the European Communities Act 1972 by a margin of eight votes, CIB continued to keep the flame of opposition alive. Literature and events publicised the anti democratic structure of the European Project through the wilderness years and to this day. I am greatly heartened that one of our founders, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, is with us today. I served my CIB apprenticeship under him. Nowadays we work closely with other organisations, acting as a facilitator and force multiplier in the referendum campaign.

Whilst CIB has done much to expose the damage done to our constitution and freedoms by EU membership, less thought was given to the mechanism by which we would leave the EU and establish a new, constructive relationship with our European neighbours.

The enemies of democratic self government portray such a step as a dangerous " leap in the dark". Thanks to thorough research, the Flexcit Market Solution provides the safe means of a seamless transition to independence whilst retaining full access to the EU market. It is not a risky leap but a confident step from the smoke and mirrors of the EU into the wider, sunnier world. Because the arrangements which underpin it already exist, it

provides a secure, proven platform for our further development as an independent nation.