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The Lord Stoddart of Swindon (independent Labour)

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The independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has welcomed the Government's Repeal Bill but laments that it is "a year late".

Lord Stoddart said: "I welcome the Government's Repeal Bill and I sincerely hope that Parliament will now do its duty by the people and pass it through the House of Commons unimpeded.

"It is a great pity that the Bill is a year late as I was advocating that it should happen soon after the referendum result. The intervening year has been costly because it has allowed unpatriotic and anti-democratic Remain politicians to re-group and begin a determined campaign against Brexit. The delay has also given us an unwanted and unnecessary General

Election, the result of which has been irresponsibly used by Remainers to further their dangerous campaign against the will of the people.

“The Labour front bench has made clear its opposition to the Bill in its present form but where are the Labour Brexiteers? I am concerned about their continued low profile on this vitally important issue. When are they going to speak up for the will of the people? Now is the time.”