

PM under fire for his tactics in Brussels

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The Prime Minister, David Cameron has come under fire from the independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, over his contradictory tactics in Davos.

Lord Stoddart said: "How can we give any credence to a Prime Minister who one day says "Trust the people" with the European Union membership referendum but then at Davos appeals to international financiers and multinational industries to help him make the case to stay in, if he achieves the minor concessions he has so meekly demanded?

"Comically, the EU countries at Davos are wringing their hands about the dire consequences for the EU and the United Kingdom if our country decides to leave. We know that the EU would suffer from UK withdrawal because it has treated Britain as a milch cow for more than 40 years. In the process, it has crippled some of our great industries through over-regulation and prevented our own governments giving early aid to ailing industries, without its permission.

"Freed from paying billions of pounds every year to the EU coffers to subsidise our competitors and no longer subject to

bureaucratic impositions from the unelected European Commission, our country would be able to thrive in the wider world and our young people could then look forward to happy and successful futures in an independent, democratic country, of which they could be justly proud."