

Rhetoric is easy

The end is in sight, but not as we expected. The Country ‘spoke’ in 2016; it wasn’t just about leaving the EU, it was a vote of no confidence in the Government in specific, but politics in general. The recent local election result was not about local councils, but about the peerless, powerless and leaderless state of the current political scene.

Theresa May, lacking as she does, a collegiate style of management, instead of single-handedly trying to hold her own party together, should have been holding cross-party discussions three years ago. Now, both she and the leader of the opposition, are reluctant to compromise for fear of alienating the extremes of their parties.

The PM, and our MP Robert Courts, are now entreating us to ‘come together’, to ‘respect each other’s position’ and ‘to compromise’. Rhetoric is easy; it is also hollow and unachievable, since the two major parties are playing to their extremes and ignoring the ‘little’ people in the middle.

It is obvious from the parties that do support us, that whatever botched compromise, which might possibly be achieved, it is just that, a botched compromise. And why should we be content with a compromise which cannot improve on the current situation? Whatever the compromise is, it should be put before the electorate for the final decision. Forget the dinosaurs who repeatedly hark back to, ‘it was the will of the British people’. That was three years ago, and the current demography has changed dramatically. But then we know what they’re afraid of – party political failure.

The obvious fact is, that the current political ‘first-past-the-post’ system needs to be replaced by a form of proportional representation, which Robert Courts stated a couple of weeks ago in Westminster Hall, he is against. No surprise there then.

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