

## A sensible deal in the spirit of good neighbourliness - Nigel Farage MEP

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â€¢ Debate: Negotiations with the United Kingdom following its notification that it intends to withdraw from the European Union  
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### Transcript:

Well I keep hearing what a positive project the European Union is, well article 8 of your beloved treaty says the union shall develop a special relationship with neighbouring countries in a spirit of good neighbourness.

Well I get that, I understand that, I'm with that, that makes a lot of sense. So why is that the case would Mr Tusk have written clause 22 in his memorandum giving the Spanish a veto over the future of Gibraltar when everyone knows that the Spanish are antagonistic towards the wishes of the people of the Rock?

Any why Monsieur Barner, why in the spirit of good neighbourness would have you plucked this bizarre figure of 52 billion sterling out of the air that you say is our final settlement payment? Remember one thing, from the moment we voted Brexit to the moment we leave we will have net put 30 billion pounds into the European Union and you want another 50. It just doesn't work, for any negotiation in life to work both sides stake out a position, both sides ask for more than they realistically expect to get, I understand that.

But you've gone so far with this that it's just impossible for us to see any accommodation. I think there needs to be give and take on both sides and I think if you gave on the money and you gave on Gibraltar then what I would like to see the United Kingdom Government doing is saying that the 3.3 million EU citizens living in the UK, they all came to Britain legally and we will now unilaterally guarantee their rights for the future.

Both sides need to give on this for any sensible deal to come out of it, we can walk away without a deal. It will hurt European workers and European companies more than us but surely it makes sense for both of us to come to a sensible accommodation?"