

Government choice of new UK ambassador to EU lambasted by UKIP

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Foreign Office political director Tim Barrow has been appointed as Ivan Rogers' replacement as EU ambassador. Who is he? A career diplomat of 30 years who was the ambassador to Russia and head of the FCO's Russia section, as well previously serving in two senior positions in Brussels.

Response from UKIP Brexit spokesman, MEP Gerard Batten:

"This appointment is a disappointment because the last thing we need is another career diplomat wearing a Brussels jersey.

"The Foreign Office (FCO) needs a complete and revolutionary shakeup for it must begin to reflect the stated desire of the British people to leave the EU.

"We need to remove career diplomats who have been so spectacularly unsuccessful in protecting British interests for the last 44 years.

"In their place, we need committed and sincere Brexiteers, people who actually want Britain to leave the EU and are prepared to make it happen. We also need more people like this in Government who will ensure the same."

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