

## The Road to Freedom

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### How Britain Can Leave the European Union

- a Discussion Paper by UKIP MEP Gerard Batten.

**UKIP was founded with the objective of bringing about Britain's unconditional withdrawal from the European Union. If withdrawal is not unconditional then someone will have to set the conditions, and it will be the European Union and not a sovereign British Parliament.**

There is a school of thought that says Britain can only leave the EU by invoking Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty. Article 50 says, "Any Member State may decide to withdraw from the Union in accordance with its own constitutional requirements". It then sets out a lengthy, complex and costly procedure for doing so in accordance with Article 218 (3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The withdrawing Member State is not allowed to participate in the discussions or decisions of the European Council (Heads of Government) or the Council (Government Ministers) on the terms of withdrawal. The whole process may take up to two years.

This procedure would obviously be unacceptable to a sovereign nation such as the United Kingdom. Therefore the UK Independence Party should reject this humiliating and dishonourable course of action and this pamphlet sets out the legal basis of unconditional withdrawal.

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