



## Media release

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# Brexit: Local pressure grows on Corbyn & Thornberry to back a People's Vote

- **'Corbynometer' street poll in Archway finds locals back a People's Vote by a margin of 250 to just 2.**
- **Consistent with formal YouGov polling showing 80% in Islington want a say on the final Brexit deal.**

The pressure from Islington voters for their MPs to back a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal has intensified as the meaningful vote in Parliament approaches, local campaign group Islington In Europe said this weekend.

Hundreds of local shoppers in Archway yesterday 'voted' overwhelmingly for Jeremy Corbyn to back a People's Vote, by attaching 'Jeremy' stickers to a 'Corbynometer'. They also appealed directly to their MPs by writing postcards at a write-athon in the street.

Islington In Europe spokesperson Nick Turton of the Spa Green Estate said:

**"There's a saying in diplomacy: if you're not at the table, you're on the menu. And that's exactly what May's deal does to our relationship with the EU. It's no wonder she has no majority for it in Parliament.**

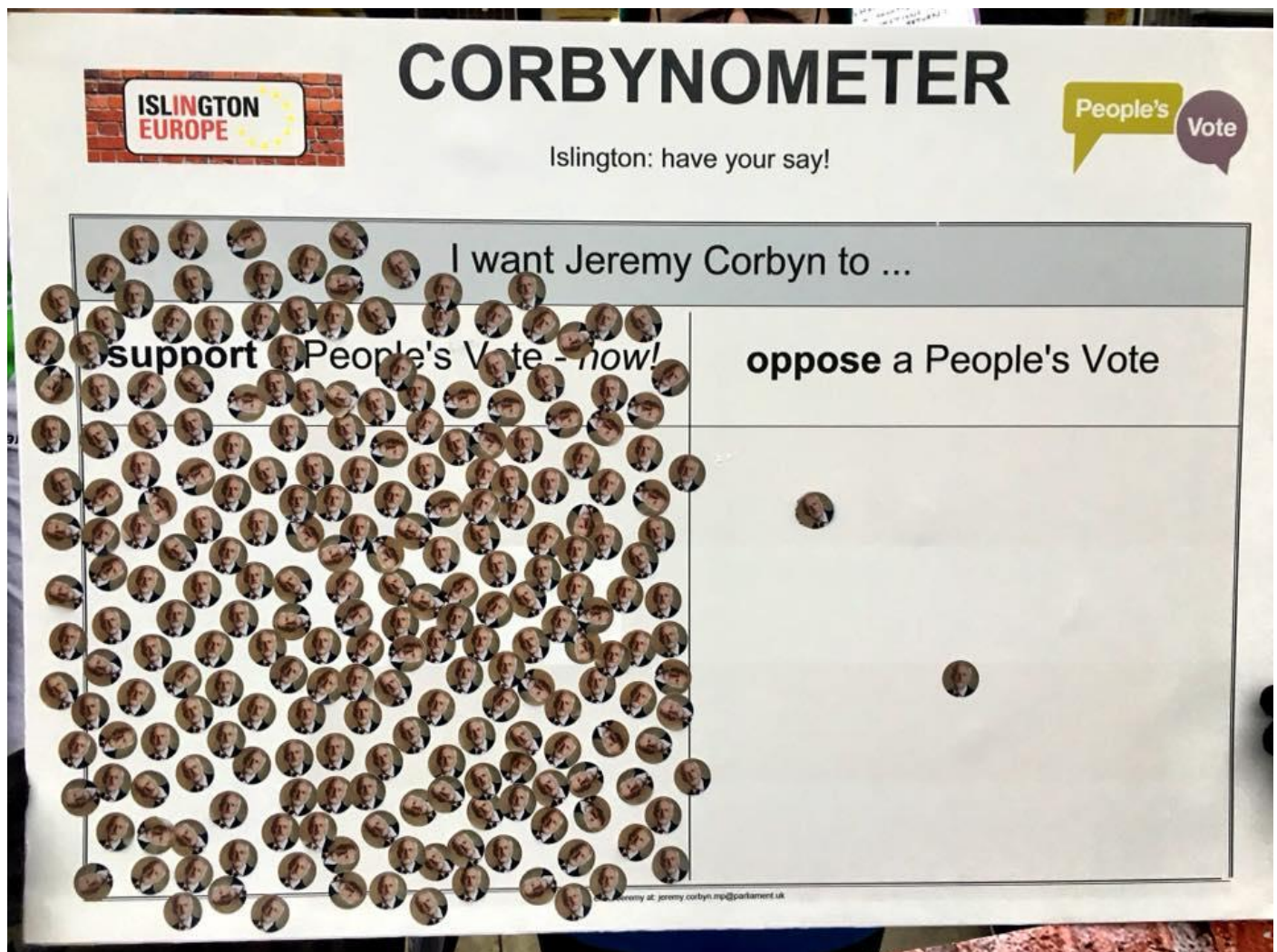
**"But there WOULD be a majority to put this back to the British people, IF Islington's MPs join their colleagues in supporting a People's Vote. It's the only feasible option now, this close to the March Brexit date, apart from a devastating no-deal Brexit. And it has majority backing in the country.**

**"This is our third winter campaigning in Islington. The temperature is frosty but the reception we get is anything but. The response our team had in Archway on Saturday was overwhelming and we'll be back there again next weekend.**

**"Now is crunch time - for Jeremy Corbyn, Emily Thornberry and the whole Labour party to give people here and up and down the country what they want: a democratic say on the final Brexit deal."**

Jeremy Corbyn has described Theresa May's Brexit deal as the "blindfold Brexit we all feared" and committed Labour to vote against it. But he has so far not joined many of his backbenchers and other opposition parties in supporting a new referendum, despite Labour party members' overwhelming vote for a motion at the party's conference in September to keep the option on the table.

Pro-Europe sentiment in Islington has intensified since the in/out referendum of 2016 when more than 75% of local people backed Remain. A recent YouGov poll showed 80% of voters in Islington North – Jeremy Corbyn's constituency – want a People's Vote on the final deal. Opinion polls also show support for both a People's Vote AND for staying in the EU is now the majority view across the country, in particular among Labour voters, and including hundreds of former Leave voting areas.



## Notes for editors

1. Photographs of yesterday's event in Archway, and all previous campaign events are available to download here: [www.islingtonineurope.org/previous-events](http://www.islingtonineurope.org/previous-events)
2. Media are invited to join Islington In Europe's weekly street actions – the next date is Saturday 1st December 1-3pm at Archway station.
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