

Dear Laura Trott,

Congratulations on your election result.

I would like to ask, with the UK departure from the EU imminent, why does the UK have no direct seaborne route to Norway?

Historically, there were several routes that connected UK with Norway, but only one of these routes still exists. The Immingham to Brevik route by DFDS. However, it is now for freight only. There is no way for UK citizens to travel to visit Norway, or vice versa taking their cars, caravans or motorhomes. This deprives both nations of cultural exchange and tourism opportunities, when there is genuine friendliness between our two nations.

I have contacted DFDS and they say that they would happily carry passengers, but a UK Border Force decision has determined that leisure fare-paying passengers and vehicles cannot traverse the port of Immingham. This is despite the ferries themselves having passenger carrying facilities.

Please would you ask your colleagues, Seema Kennedy MP, and Nusrat Ghani MP, why this decision is in force? It seems to me such an own-goal to maintain the widest possible links with the EU, and shut out our nearest non-EU friend.

Perhaps more importantly, in the UK there are 555,000 touring caravans and 225,000 motorhomes! That is a lot of voters! And the re-opening of North Sea ferry terminals in the North would be excellent for the local economies.

Yours sincerely,