

## Intradependence Proposal now seen by PM

Breakthrough at last!

A full 18 months after it was first sent to the UK government – under the title ‘The Preposterous Idea’ - Theresa May is now understood to have received the EU Brexit proposal made by Intradependence NI. This means that she now has a third option to consider – alongside Customs Partnership and ‘Max Facs’ – as she decides which one to settle on by the EU summit in October.

There are advantages and disadvantages to all options but this 3<sup>rd</sup> option will involve no lengthy software development and only a short transition period to implement. It removes the need for a border entirely and promises instead an investment of up to £40bn in order to create an economy in NI large and powerful enough to regenerate by itself without outside assistance. At the same time this investment will involve incentivising GB businesses to relocate to NI so they can stay in the Single Market and Customs Union.

Sinn Fein is opposed to the plan because it will bring prosperity to NI and delay the prospect of a border poll – though it will also attract investment to Ireland as a whole. Also opposed for now is the DUP which is purely focused on supporting Brexit for the UK government at this time. So it will fall to the other parties (and the more open-minded members of the big 2 to demonstrate their support for a coalition at Stormont to amend the Good Friday Agreement to let such a massive investment to take place.

No doubt Theresa May will be taking soundings up until the moment she writes her White Paper.