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HOMES UK: Managing procurement in a changing political landscape

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## **Procurement law issues arising**

- Deal or no deal?
- Moving forward: Boris' bonfire can we have more freedom and "Buy British"?
- Is anything really going to change?
- What are the risks/opportunities to explore?



### No Deal

- The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit)
   Regulations 2019
- New UK e-notification service "Find a Tender"
- Procurement Policy Note 02/19: Preparing for the UK Leaving the EU
  - Publication of notices
  - Include EU reference numbers for audit trail
  - Everything else remains broadly unchanged
    - State aid?



## Deal

- (draft) Withdrawal Agreement ...
  - Everything remains broadly unchanged until the end of the implementation period
  - For procurements ongoing at the end of the implementation period: existing regulatory regime will continue
  - After the implementation period?...
    - Watch this space ...
    - Opportunities to get rid of stuff that doesn't work/amend and tweak those tools that do



# What are the options?

- EEA-minus approach
- GPA-plus approach
- What could we change:
  - Below-threshold
  - Concessions
- Risk of regional and local barriers
  - Across the Union
  - Across England
- What about the Courts?
  - Ocean Outdoor UK Ltd v LB of Hammersmith & Fulham
    - What is the role of procurement law going forwards?



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