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Mr Cameron has made quite a fanfare about his negotiations with Donald Tusk, the President of the European Council, the results of which he has put to his party and the country as reasons to remain in the EU.

Unfortunately for the UK, his chosen items for discussion, the four demands, seem so trivial that their reform will have little effect in improving this country.

Sadly, in no sense has he negotiated a "reformed European Union".

He has not asked for:

- Any return to democratic self-governance – our elected government in Westminster, not the EU, should govern this country;
- The return of powers to alter any business legislation – all is now decided in Brussels;
- The powers to make trade agreements with other countries – the EU does not even have agreements with China, Russia or the USA;
- The powers to decide how many hours a person in Britain can work – that is governed by the EU's Working Time Directive;
- The powers to fully police our borders or to control the numbers living in this country by allowing us to operate an Australian-style points immigration system;
- The powers to prevent other countries fishing in our territorial waters, and even what and how they fish and where they land their catches;
- The powers to control our farming industry and thus our food production;
- The powers to select and build whatever type of power generation we think best to make us self-sufficient, not requiring politically controlled imports;
- The power to safeguard our essential industries and manufacturing bases by offering subsidies in hard times;
- The return to British Law being superior to EU laws, and thus the presumption of innocence, juries and Habeas Corpus – all of which are gradually being removed;
- The abolition of the European Arrest Warrant that gives the police in any EU country the power to arrest a person in the UK and take them abroad without producing proof or evidence before they do, and keeping them as long as they like – without charge or coming to trial;

- The right to select which overseas countries can receive aid and determine how much we wish to give rather than being told by the EU;
- The right not to be forced to prop up the Euro or be forced in future to adopt it as our currency. We are bound by the Lisbon Treaty to ditch the £ by 2025 if we vote to remain in the EU.

These and many more issues could have been renegotiated to make a real difference.

Mr Cameron's renegotiations are nothing more than a giant red herring, designed to make people believe that he is getting something of substance back from the EU. The few morsels he hoped to receive are so tiny that they make absolutely no difference to our status in the EU, to our independence or our capability to run our country.

Besides, the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz has recently declared any EU reform deal "would not be irreversible". It would have to be approved by the European Parliament and they have 12 months in which to do it – and they can reject it. This means Cameron's deal is totally worthless – and won't be backed up by treaty change. This proves without any doubt that Mr Cameron has achieved nothing at all.

The impossible conditions surrounding the supposed "red card" block on EU legislation are similarly flawed. The UK has never stopped the EU legislating on any issue vital to us under Qualified Majority Voting according to the existing rules.

The so-called renegotiation deal, with its "emergency brakes" and "red cards", was a carefully choreographed charade. It is meaningless, both in terms of reforming the European Union and in terms of Britain regaining its self-governance.

For Dorset Out, this "deal" is proof positive that Mr Cameron is fulfilling his word to J C Juncker, the EU President, that he intends to use the referendum to "dock" Britain permanently inside the European Union.

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