

**19th July 2017**

Dear Mr Rees-Mogg,

I once again request your kind and considered response to my email sent to you on 21st June, a month ago. I consider a response a courtesy; however, your continuing silence (towards me if not on the national airwaves) suggests that you may not. This surprises me.

My questions were very simple. I am certain that a brief but substantive response will take up very little of your time and have the additional advantages of clarifying your beliefs at this important time in our nation's history.

Here it is again so that you don't have to waste time scrolling down through my many previous emails asking for a response:

- 1. Do you consider that Edmund Burke was wrong in his address to the electors of Bristol in 1774?*
- 2. If so, with what principle would you replace that which he set out in it?*

In the same spirit, although I am sure that you are very well aware of Burke's speech and its significance, here is a link to it: <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html>

Yours,

Peter Roberts

**26th July 2017**

Good morning, Mr Rees-Mogg.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I am off the beaten track in Portugal, one of our poorer EU partners but which nonetheless offers good, healthy food, pleasant scenery, interesting towns and villages and, above all, friendly, welcoming and mostly symmetrical people who are as happy to speak English as they are to indulge my execrable Portuguese.

Tattoos everywhere, I'm afraid, but a combination of (mostly) good taste, the pleasing effects of a sunny climate on skin tone and a lack of widespread obesity does at least mean that their bearers tend less to remind one of mildewed cheese than their counterparts back home. Evenings are pleasant too: quiet, fragrant with flowers and enticing cooking; well-behaved children staying up beyond their bedtimes; drink well-taken - and a notable absence of boorish, drunken behaviour.

All, in their different ways, most refreshing.

But enough! Do you yet have an answer to my questions about Edmund Burke? I believe this is my fifth or sixth attempt to elicit one.

Yours,

Peter Roberts