

The Editor of the Sun defends report on Queen

The Editor of the Sun has responded to the Palace's statement regarding the article published yesterday concerning the Queen's views on the EU Referendum. *The Sun's* front page headline read 'Queen Backs Brexit', and the report stated that the Queen told Nick Clegg that the EU was heading in the wrong direction. They claim that she expressed her opinion on Britain's relationship with the EU, and left ministers in no doubt about her opposition to Britain remaining in the European Union.



Buckingham Palace has apparently responded to these claims by insisting: "The Queen remains politically neutral, as she has for 63 years. We will not comment on spurious, anonymously sourced claims. The referendum is a matter for the British people to decide."

Despite the article that *the Sun* published citing Nick Clegg as a witness to the Queen's apparent statements, the former Liberal Democrat leader has said that: "I think it's appalling that the people who want to drag Britain out of the European Union, now want to drag the Queen into the European Referendum debate." Clegg then went on to say that *the Sun's* claims were 'nonsense' and that they were not true.

This morning the editor of *the Sun* appeared on BBC Radio 4, defending the report. Tony Gallagher, the Sun's chief-in-editor has stated that: "we are completely confident that the Queen's views are exactly as we have outlined them in both the headline and the story." He then explained that he had two sources to support the story. Gallagher did not go into detail about one of the sources, saying that if he did, it would 'set off a rather absurd mole hunt' in the media.

Nothing has been heard from the Palace in response to this interview as of yet. A source claims that it will take 2 months to resolve this affair and inform the public whether or not the Queen agrees with Britain leaving the EU. The future of Britain's ties to Europe will be decided on the 23rd of June this year.



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