Trade Deal?

Sir, – Oh well, Brexiteers – perhaps you'll now realise what a mess you've dropped us in. Joe Biden has made it clear already that he wants no hard

Border with Northern Ireland, and wants to forge a strong and solid relationship with the EU 27. Where does that leave us? – without a SINGLE trade deal of the promised "famous 42" that were supposedly "agreed, and all ready to be signed" once we left the EU. Someone will need the answers real soon...

JOHN BAILEY, Stanton.

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24 trade deals already agreed

Sir, – John Bailey asserts (letters, November 16) that we do not have a single trade deal in place once we leave the EU. Where has Mr Bailey been?

The trade deal with Japan was announced earlier this month. Additionally, 23 other trade deals have been agreed. The Conservative Party manifesto of December 2019 promised trade deals to cover 80% of our trade within three years. Of course, our biggest trading partners (the EU and the USA) have other issues on their minds.

The EU could give us a trade deal immediately, but they are dragging their feet to see how desperate we become to get a deal.

This is not negotiation but brinkmanship bullying.

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