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REMOANER London Mayor, Sadiq Khan has called on MPs to ignore the will of the people and support Brexit amendments put forward by the unelected House of Lords, including keeping the UK in the customs union.

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The Labour politician has asked members of the Commons to “be brave” and vote for the Lords amendments to subvert and slow down Brexit.

The legislation with 15 suggested changes from the Lords is expected to go to a vote in the Commons within the next two weeks.

The former MP for Tooting said: “Parliament has the opportunity to reject the Tories’ shambolic and reckless handling of Brexit and preserve our prosperity for the next generation - if MPs are brave.”

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Mr Khan acknowledged any MPs who vote against Brexit may be slammed by their constituents, but suggested the upcoming vote was more important than party lines.

He added it is “extremely rare that parliament faces a vote that is more important than party politics, more important than MPs’ ministerial careers, and which will define that generation of Parliamentarians in the history books”.

The Mayor compared the upcoming EU vote to the 2003 vote on the Iraq War.

In 2003, 149 MPs said there was “no moral case” for launching an invasion in Iraq.

The rebel group included current Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and former Tory Chancellor Ken Clarke.

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London Mayor Sadiq Khan lead a vigil to commemorate the victims of the London Bridge terror attack. Hundreds attended the event outside London’s City Hall

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London Mayor Sadiq Khan bows his head

Mr Khan said: “The last vote of this significance was the vote on the Iraq war – when there were brave MPs from all parties who did the right thing and voted against the war regardless of the consequences.”

He called on MPs from all parties to “think about their constituents” and accept the changes to the bill.

He continued: “My message to former colleagues in parliament is: don’t think about the headlines, your career, or the campaign groups when deciding how to vote.

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“Think about your constituents and vote for what you think is in your best interest.”

Among the 15 amendments is a demand ministers negotiate Britain staying in the customs union.

Mr Khan has previously campaigned for the UK to remain in the single market, as London overwhelmingly voted for Britain to stay in the EU.

Almost 60 per cent of Londoners voted Remain, in comparison to 48 per cent of the entire UK.



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