**Julia Reid,** *on behalf of the EFDD Group***.** – Mr President, we, the British, are time lords. We invented the time machine – HG Wells did that – and we invented Doctor Who, who used it to travel through all of time and space. So actually, we invented time itself in the form of Greenwich Meantime, the world standard and a world first. Once we had also invented the railway, we forced time standardisation, and it happened in my constituency. In the 1840s and 1850s, the best railway in the world – the Great Western Railway, engineered by the greatest engineer of his day, Isambard Kingdom Brunel – necessitated that a model of time zones be brought into the age of technology. In 1825, the fastest anyone could go was dictated by the speed of a horse – about 20 mph maximum, in very short bursts. Railways changed everything, and for the better.

This is relevant because, as a scientist, I know that we need to be practical. What works best to meet the needs of ordinary people in a changing world? The answer is straightforward. Ordinary people want to maximise daylight and do as much as possible during the daylight hours. I want my country to take the lead again. We are, after all, the lords of time. We must determine rationally how we can absolutely maximise the availability of daylight for ordinary people and then apply it. Thus, once again, the rest of the world can follow our lead into a better, brighter, and (hopefully) a sunnier future, just as they should now over Brexit.