



Information about obtaining Titre de Séjour

Interview with Maggie Fee

Jon So Maggie, you were giving the talk again this morning, and trying to reassure people. But is there any way you can really reassure them, as things stand?

Maggie No, the only thing which AIKB has been able to encourage people to do so far is to apply for a Titre de Séjour. However, yesterday there was some news from the Préfecture at St Brieuc, which said that they are going to postpone all the rendez-vous' that British people have made already, and that they will be making different provisions for the British population, and they, that they will be contacted at a later date.

Jon So basically if you've got an appointment to go and see them about obtaining a Carte de Séjour, then it's been cancelled.

Maggie Yeah, they're cancelling all the appointments. I phoned up the préfecture this morning to check, and the the lady that I spoke to confirmed this, but wasn't able to give me any more information because the date has not arrived yet and so nobody knows what the agreement is in order to make, uh, the future plans.

Jon So when you say the date, you mean March the 29th.

Maggie Yes.

Jon The official Brexit day, in fact. But it's funny because there was a lady who was there this morning, who told me after your talk, that she'd made an appointment and was going next week, so she probably hadn't realised that everything had been cancelled.

Maggie She may get an email that advises her that her appointment has now been cancelled.

Jon But you did say this morning in your talk that people shouldn't cancel themselves, they should wait for the officials to cancel it for them.

Maggie Yes. In the email that our member had received, it says that you, you don't need to cancel the appointment because the Préfecture will do it for you, and then they will contact the people at a later date, but in fact not before June 2019, for another rendez-vous.

Jon So there's nothing much we can do, but what are the best steps we can take to ease our anxieties? Are there any?

Maggie Well one of the other things, for instance, that the British Embassy advised at their Outreach meeting in Lorient was to start making the application to change your UK driving licence into a French driving licence. And that's something that takes a long time. It takes months and months for that to be processed.



Jon Anyway, we do our best, and we, we keep our fingers crossed, and I just hope that a year from now we're not asking you the same questions, Maggie.

Maggie Yes, just let me add that that was news from the the Préfecture at St Brieuc. I also phoned the Préfecture at Vannes and was told that they're still accepting applications for rendez-vous' for a Titre de Séjour. However Finistère didn't answer the phones so I can't comment.

Jon And presumably if we live in Côtes d'Armor we can't make an application in Finistère or can we?

Maggie No, no you have to apply in your own departement. I think people have to carry on with the normal procedure with the knowledge that it could change, that it could be cancelled.

Jon Anyway Maggie, you've been as clear as anyone can be in the circumstances. Thank you very much.

Interview with Derek and Jan

Jon Now you actually went to Lorient on Monday, didn't you?

Derek We did.

Jon Was it very useful?

Derek It was. It explained what would happen if we followed the current proposal, and it told us we have no idea what would happen if there's no deal.

Jon So in essence, what did he say would happen if there was a deal?

Derek It will all be on the embassy website. I'm not sure how long your programme is but it was a two-hour meeting.

Jon But basically, did he ease your anxieties?

Jan Yes.

Derek Yes, yes.

Jan Most things would stay the same.

Jon So if there is an agreement, we've got no worries at all? We can carry on living in France.

Derek You can carry on living in France. I would imagine you can carry on living in France whatever the outcome is, because we contribute to the economy – under what guise that will be is anybody's guess. 'Cos it is transient. Nobody knows the answer until the answers are given.



Jon And the trouble is, things change day by day more or less, don't they?

Jan Yes, they do.

Derek They do and they don't.

Jon They change but they stay the same. I think there's a French phrase for that.

Derek All that changes is that we're one day closer to it finishing, however that might be.

Jon And in a word, are you optimistic about what's going to happen?

Derek Not un-optimistic.

Jan Um ... maybe a little bit on the fence at the moment. I'm not too sure.

Jon Join the fence-sitters. Thank you very much.

Derek Che sera sera.