

# Carey and report into sex abuse

Sir, We write as survivors of abuse by Peter Ball, the former bishop of Gloucester, and as lawyers representing many of his survivors. Following the Gibb report on this case (News, June 27), three issues require urgent attention. First, the police must investigate whether Lord Carey of Clifton deliberately concealed evidence. If so, Lord Carey must forfeit his right to sit in the House of Lords. It is unacceptable that someone involved in concealing evidence of criminality should have a role in making laws for others. Second, safeguarding in the Church of England requires independent oversight. The Church cannot be allowed to carry on policing itself. Finally, we need a mandatory reporting law requiring that knowledge or suspicion of abuse be reported to the authorities. Such a law would have ensured that Ball was

caught much earlier.

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## Visions of Brexit

Sir, Simon Hix sets out a vision for a “softer Brexit” (Red Box Comment, June 26, and letter, June 27) but does not address how the country will deal with the inevitable loss of influence that the UK will face in either a “hard”, “soft” or “softer” Brexit.

For example, the MiFID II EU directive due to be implemented at the end of the year will revolutionise the way financial services is conducted in Europe and will introduce many of the standards to Europe that we have had in the UK for years. It represents a triumph of British diplomacy in shaping our principal market in our image.

For our sake (and the sake of our European neighbours, who in many