

From the Leader of the Council

Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
HM Treasury,
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Dear Chancellor,

RE: Support for businesses in Nottingham

As you know the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area is set to be placed under Government Tier 2 restrictions which will mean that households cannot mix indoors. This new restriction will have a significant impact on many local businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors. Our local restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs will face a further drop off in trade at a crucial time as many of them are already fighting for survival.

I noted from your recent announcements of further business support that there will be financial assistance for those businesses in Tier 3 that are forced to close, but there was no announcement of specific financial assistance for businesses that are still trading in Tier 2 areas. Without a specific package of business support for Tier 2 areas I fear that many good businesses will go under and the consequence of this would be more job losses and more empty business premises.

I would urge you in the strongest possible way to reconsider the Government approach to supporting jobs and livelihoods in places like Nottingham, where Tier 2 restrictions will apply. It is essential for the social and economic wellbeing of the City I represent that you:

- Urgently bring forward a bespoke business support package to protect jobs in Tier 2 areas like Nottingham
- Create a new 'Business Survival Grant' to help those businesses most affected by additional Covid restrictions
- Work with Councils in Tier 2 areas to protect and support good businesses and save jobs.

On behalf of residents and businesses in Nottingham I urge you to act now,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Mellen'.

David Mellen
Leader of the Council