



HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
HM Treasury
The Correspondence & Enquiry unit
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Dear Chancellor,

Re: VAT cut to hospitality and tourism

I am writing to you to ask for the VAT cut for hospitality and tourism, which is temporarily in place until 31st March 2021, to become permanent.

As you know the hospitality sector has been disproportionately affected by this crisis and the sector is facing very challenging times ahead. This is why it is vital to give permanent support to this vital sector. Your actions so far have protected many jobs however it will take a number of years for businesses to build back to full strength.

In making the cut to VAT permanent you would be targeting support where it is needed. Hospitality also has a positive effect of lifting other sectors with it and spurring on further activity in other areas.

It is crucial that businesses in this sector are supported moving forward. Please will you consider making the VAT cut permanent in order to help thousands of businesses up and down the country?

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Alyn Smith MP