



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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**Hospitality Industry Feedback December 2020**

Dear Resident,

Thank you for completing my hospitality survey, the feedback was invaluable, and I have written to the Chancellor ahead of the Spring Budget with the key points from the survey and with your suggestions as to how we might further support the tourism and hospitality sectors.

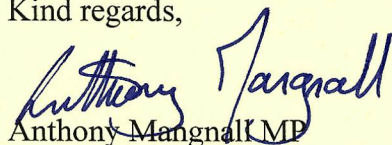
The findings from the survey were as follows:

- Businesses gave an average of 6.35/10 to the Governments financial response to the pandemic
- Of the responses we had
  - 77% of businesses used the furlough scheme
  - 76% of businesses accessed a Small Business Rate Relief Grant
  - 27% of businesses accessed a Discretionary Grant
  - 52% of businesses received a Bounce Back Loan
  - 6% of businesses received a CBILS Loan
  - 15% of businesses got money through the SEISS
  - 6% of businesses received support from other sources
- 59% of businesses said that they benefitted from the VAT cut
- 66% of businesses said that they would benefit from an extension of the cut to VAT beyond March 2021
- Respondents rated a campaign to encourage people to visit South Devon next season 8.5/10
- VAT relief was widely welcomed and viewed as one of the most effective Government measures in supporting businesses

I have asked that the Chancellor considers the following proposals to aid the full recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors.

- Extend the 5% VAT reduction to the end of 2021
- Introduce a lower level of VAT for tourism and hospitality sector beyond 2021
- Reduce alcohol VAT within hospitality and tourism businesses
- Create a national domestic tourism campaign to encourage 'stay-cations' and support for local businesses

Kind regards,

  
Anthony Mangnall MP

**Member of Parliament for Totnes & South Devon**