



Sent by email:

Dear Sadiq, Mick, and Mick

As leaders of hospitality businesses in London, we are writing to you following media reports of strikes planned on the Underground throughout the Christmas period.

Our request to you as leaders of your respective organisations is to conclude these negotiations swiftly, or risk permanent damage to the London economy.

A strike at any time of year means hospitality businesses can lose 70% of that day's income.

But in this crucial period the effect is even worse, and a strike cancelled at the last moment will probably be too late to stop the negative impact. Bookings for large parties are already cancelled, or never made at all. Coverage in global media will mean potential visitors to our city have decided not to risk a visit.

Some hospitality businesses make up to 40% of their annual takings in the two months before Christmas. Losing income at this time of year can and does put the future of these businesses at risk, and with it, people's jobs. Staff who are relying on the extra seasonal work can be pushed into hardship.

We are not commenting on the issue under dispute. We ask only that you swiftly conclude the negotiations before the impact on our businesses and our city becomes unacceptably high, threatening the livelihoods of those working in it.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Nicholls OBE, CEO, UKHospitality

And:

Soren Jessen, Executive Chairman, 1 Lombard Street
Mark Lilley, Co-Founder, Abokado
Murray Roberts, Managing Director, Beds and Bars Ltd
Maurice Abboudi, Director, Beer and Buns Limited
Pedro da Silva, General Manager - The Cumberland Hotel, Clermont Hotel Group
Jane Holbrook, Chair, Côte Brasserie
Julie Gingell, Managing Director, Docklands Restaurants and Bars
Jillian MacLean, CEO, Drake & Morgan
Ed Martin, Owner, ETM Group
Simon Emeny, CEO, Fuller's
Serena von der Heyde, Partner, Georgian House Hotel
Soren Jessen, CEO, Goosebox Ltd
Nick Mackenzie, CEO, Greene King
Michael Warren, CEO, Harbour Hotels
Simon Thomas, Executive Chairman, Hippodrome Casino
Stuart Bowery, General Manager, JW Marriott Grosvenor House



Phil Urban, CEO, Mitchells & Butlers

Andy Spencer, CEO, Punch Pubs & Co

Daniel Pereira, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Automobile Club

Sally Beck, General Manager, Royal Lancaster London

David McDowall, CEO, Stonegate Group

Paul Gilchrist, CEO, Thunderbird Fried Chicken

Neil Sebba, Managing Director, Tossed

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Peter Wells, CEO, Wells & Co

Simon Dodd, CEO, Young's