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Dear Liz,

Re: Travel & Tourism Roundtable Event

Thank you for organising last Friday's roundtable discussion with representatives of local businesses in the important tourism, leisure and hospitality sectors.

It was a pleasure to meet you and your colleague, Jenny, at the event.

The meeting provided a very useful chance to discuss the challenges and opportunities for businesses in The Wrekin, including the potential for a tourism tax and the likely impacts on local businesses and local jobs.

The discussion underscored the importance of tourism, hospitality and leisure not only to Newport's economy but also the local economies of other market towns and villages - throughout The Wrekin constituency.

I do not support more taxes, and certainly not a tourism tax which will put up costs for businesses and their customers - and which would be an additional barrier to attracting more visitors to Shropshire.

I am grateful for the work of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce in representing local businesses, and I look forward to receiving further written briefings about the local economy.

Perhaps another such meeting can be organised in Wellington in March 2027, just ahead of the Spring tourism season?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

The Rt Hon Mark Pritchard MP