



NEWS UPDATE

From James Brokenshire - Conservative MP for Old Bexley & Sidcup



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'EAT OUT TO HELP OUT' BOOST TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS





51,000 meals discounted in Old Bexley and Sidcup

James has praised the support the Eat Out to Help Out scheme has given to the local economy with 86 local restaurants and eateries reclaiming £278,000 for discounted meals.

BACK TO WESTMINSTER



James has returned to work in Westminster having been working from Bexley during lockdown. The House of Commons has introduced a number of measures to make the Palace of Westminster Covid safe.

In his capacity as Security Minister James represented the UK at a virtual meeting of the "Aqaba Process" which was initiated by HM King Abdullah II of Jordan to promote greater international co-operation on global security issues. The meeting discussed the impact of Covid-19 on the global security landscape and the continued need for countries to work together to combat emerging threats.

Local Policing Issues

James thanked local police for their continued work during the Covid pandemic during a call with Bexley neighbourhoods Inspector Paula Dodds. James also discussed plans to establish a public space protection order in Bexley's parks & green spaces to help deal with antisocial behaviour including people inhaling & selling nitrous oxide canisters.

More than 51,000 meals were claimed in Old Bexley & Sidcup during August under the Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme, according to the latest statistics.

James has hailed the success of the scheme, which was designed to support the hospitality industry after a challenging period because of coronavirus. Eat Out to Help Out is believed to have helped protect 1.8 million jobs across the country, with restaurant bookings significantly up on the previous year. Although the scheme has ended, James said that it remained important to support our great local businesses.

Competition watchdog takes action over leasehold abuses

James has welcomed news that the Competition & Markets Authority has launched enforcement action involving four leading housing developers which the regulator believes may have broken consumer protection law in relation to the sale of leasehold homes. The action was prompted after James called on the watchdog to investigate and tackle a culture of consumer exploitation in the new build housing market.

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