



## **APPG for the Night Time Economy**

### **Call for evidence:**

### **Inquiry into Covid-19 and the Night Time Economy**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Night Time Economy to inform you of a new inquiry into the impact of Covid-19 on the nightlife sector in the UK.

The focus of the report will be on the particular challenges facing night-time hospitality businesses and an exploration of what the sector needs for a prosperous and long-term recovery. The inquiry will investigate the unique contributions of the sector to the cultural and economic life of local communities and assess how the Night Time Economy can drive the UK's wider economic recovery.

At this early stage, the intention of the APPG is to collect written evidence submissions. We would be most grateful if your council/authority was able to contribute to our investigation in this way.

I would ask that you please send your responses to the Secretariat of the APPG at the following email address: [appg@ntia.co.uk](mailto:appg@ntia.co.uk), before **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**.

Please include your name and contact details and provide a brief description of your role within the council.

Please do not feel that you have to answer every question and do feel free to include any additional information that you feel may be relevant. Submissions may be any length that you feel necessary, although we would recommend between one and two pages.

This is a challenging time for our communities, but we hope that this inquiry will help to inform future policy decisions to protect valued cultural institutions and ensure that our nightlife sector remains viable.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Smith MP

Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Night Time Economy

## **WRITTEN EVIDENCE**

Written evidence submissions may be cited within the APPG report on Covid-19 and the Night Time Economy. Please do not feel that you have to answer every question and feel free to add any extra information that you feel is relevant.

1. How many night time economy businesses are operating within your area? How many people in your area are employed in the night time sector?
2. Please describe the importance of nightlife businesses in your local area
3. How much money did the night time sector contribute to your local area pre-Covid?
4. What measures have your local authority implemented to support businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic?
5. What would you like to see from the Government to support your local nightlife businesses?
6. What role do you envision the night time sector playing in your local economic recovery, and high street regeneration, following the Covid-19 pandemic?