

MAYOR OF LONDON

Zoë Garbett AM

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Dear Zoë,

Thank you for your letter about the eviction of four traders in Castle Square, Southwark.

I care deeply about London's markets – they are a vital asset to the city and at the heart of our city's communities and culture.

My role is tightly defined by law, and planning powers and enforcement sit with the local authority. However, I share the concern that regeneration should not come at the expense of the people who live and work in an area who are an integral part of its identity and vitality.

I am pleased to hear that Southwark Council and Get Living, who operate Castle Square, reached an agreement to allow the businesses to return to their premises and that a 12-month payment plan arrangement has been offered to help traders address energy bill arrears.

I will continue to work with the new London Markets Partnership to champion meaningful and effective engagement, ensuring that communities and traders have a strong voice in shaping the future of London's markets.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London