



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

As I have had to cancel my visits to UK Fashion and Textile members around the country due to the outbreak of Covid19, I wanted to let you know that I am well aware of the many challenges and hardships faced by the industry and the people it employs, in companies large and small.

The UK fashion and textile industry is continually renewing itself, adapting to a constantly changing world. I know from UKFT that a number of companies in the industry are actively offering to support the NHS with personal protective clothing, with some switching production from traditional products, for which the industry is known, to much needed hand-sanitiser and other products for UK care homes. It is at times like these when we see our communities and industries come together to work for the common good. Others, regrettably, have had to close temporarily with workers staying at home on furlough support but we hope that all will stay safe until it is safe for life to return to some normality.

I very much enjoy my visits to UKFT members around the country and having the opportunity to meet with the people and their skills behind the companies and brands. I look forward to resuming my visits as soon as the situation allows and, in the meantime, my thoughts are with you all and your families.

Thank you for all you do, wherever you are.