

[22/06/2020, 22:53:30] Simon Ridley: I spoke to DWP - Jonathan Mills - this evening. They are worried about a fixed date to be fully open by or anything given new demand they face. But general agreement they can keep opening is in line with what they are doing. So I don't think a problem here.

[22/06/2020, 22:53:59] Simon Ridley: Let me know if Peter raising anything else.

[22/06/2020, 22:54:21] Simon C: That's great, thanks

[23/06/2020, 07:40:14] Simon C: Have just spoken to Therese Coffey. Have talked her through where we are (and high-level annct in current draft of statement). She's fine

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[28/06/2020, 15:26:47] Simon C: I am due to have a quick chat with her tomorrow. Do you want to join?

[28/06/2020, 15:28:11] Simon Ridley: Very happy to if times work.

[28/06/2020, 18:05:59] Simon C: Mark has handled this all with much more dignity than I could have done.

[28/06/2020, 18:19:04] Simon Ridley: I agree he's been fantastic in how he has dealt with it all. It must feel pretty awful.

[29/06/2020, 11:15:21] Simon C: Shall I come to you for 1200 mtg?

[29/06/2020, 11:18:47] Simon Ridley: It would be sensible to be in the same place. You can come and see the new 'war room'!

[29/06/2020, 11:20:34] Simon C: Great - will come to you

[03/07/2020, 11:22:58] Simon Ridley: I had a good chat with Kumar. I think he's on board.

[03/07/2020, 11:30:10] Simon C: Great. Kate would like a further chat today, but that sounds positive too

[03/07/2020, 16:01:03] Simon C: Did France make it onto the air bridges list because they have agreed to reciprocate?

[03/07/2020, 16:02:43] Simon Ridley: Yes

[03/07/2020, 16:04:22] Simon C: Thank God! So all Amber countries on list have agreed reciprocation?

[03/07/2020, 16:07:04] Simon Ridley: All on final list did but there are other amber countries from JBC analysis that didn't and arent on published list.

[03/07/2020, 16:49:02] Simon C: How come Aus and NZ ended up on the list? They are not reciprocating, are they?

[03/07/2020, 16:51:36] Simon Ridley: Because they are 'green' so very low risk and no basis to exclude on health grounds. They don't reciprocate for same reason - we are too risky relative to them.

[03/07/2020, 16:53:30] Simon C: Okay - thanks.

[06/07/2020, 21:22:00] Simon Ridley: Spoke to CMO/PV about next steps. They caution against doing much at all beyond outdoor sports/arts this month before seeing impact of the weekend changes. Their other big worry is keeping headroom to reopen schools safely come September. Some nuance to this but they definitely feel it's important not to go too fast now and risk what we are seeing elsewhere in the world.