

London is less safe – and provided mixed messaging on ensuring workers fully return to open sectors.

- Phasing by sub-sectors will be difficult to enforce, and there will be limited scientific basis for choosing specific sectors.

*On the need for a forward plan:*

- We need to give businesses certainty over the timetable for opening up. Otherwise those in sectors who cannot continue to justify being going concerns will sack furloughed workers.
- Not following through with specific dates will have a chilling effect on the sector and hit consumer confidence. It will also hit supply chains in the open sectors. For instance, without dealerships reopening, car manufacturers are unable to make sales, which were down 97% last month. Not putting a date on dealerships reopening is likely to drive companies towards insolvency, which risks the UK permanently losing well paid, R&D intensive jobs in areas we are trying to level up.

**Guidance and PPE** – Alongside the discussion on workplace guidance that will be led by BEIS SoS, CO and PHE have produced a document setting out some overarching principles for public places, transport and workplaces. Both will be affected by the approach to PPE and face masks in the workplace that will have been discussed at the 9.15 Strategy meeting. On the wider guidance:

- I agree that we should publish the overarching principles alongside the wider workplace guidance this weekend.
- I agree with the references to 2m as set out. It is important to acknowledge that this is not an exact measure and it will depend on how long you spend in close proximity
- Our recommendations on PPE in the workplace should be consistent with our advice for the public. We should do whatever it takes to resolve outstanding issues.
- We must provide employers a clear, science led rationale to help them manage demand from employees for PPE, and especially clinical grade PPE. This should be backed up by wider comms.
- Are we content that the recommendations on PPE beyond face masks (such as gloves and Perspex screens) will not create supply issues for the NHS or employers?