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Dear Sheila,

Thank you for contacting me about the closure of John Lewis in Sheffield. I hope you are keeping well.

I too was concerned and saddened to hear about this proposed closure. I know that John Lewis is loved by many in the local area and across the country. It is unfortunate that so many of our high street shops are having to close, and I note your concerns that this is partly due to the profitability of online selling in the current climate.

I share your concerns about the impact this closure will have on the local community and, as such, I have written to The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to raise your concerns about this directly. I also continue to discuss the issue with various interested local parties, to see what can be done to reverse John Lewis' decision.

I continue to closely follow the story. I will be in touch when I have received a response from the Minister, but in the meantime, if you would like to discuss this with me further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

You may wish to sign up to my regular newsletter to remain updated of coronavirus restrictions and my work in Rother Valley. You can either email me to request this or access the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hfZ8KT>.

Yours sincerely

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