

[Ian Lavery responds to comments by Boris Johnson that he could earn more money outside politics](#)

Ian Lavery MP, Chair of the Labour Party, responding to comments by Boris Johnson that he could earn more money outside politics, said:

“This sums up Boris Johnson and Tory contempt for people. A bunch of greedy millionaires complaining they aren’t rich enough and whinging that their day job doesn’t pay them enough money.

“These Tories are totally out of touch with the struggles that people in our country face. Tory Britain is one where nurses rely on foodbanks and millionaire newspaper columnists complain they don’t earn enough money.

“It is no surprise that Johnson said that no one defended the bankers who crashed the economy more than him. We have had nearly a decade of Tory cuts, and their new policies from tax cuts for the richest to the bringing back barbaric fox hunting, are more of the same and worse.

“A Labour government will be on the side of the people and will boost their pay and public services, for the many not the few.”

[Labour calls on Boris Johnson to confirm if he still ‘loves’ fox hunting](#)

Labour is calling on Boris Johnson to confirm if he still “loves” fox hunting after it emerged he wrote one year after the Act banning hunting was passed by Parliament, that he wanted it to go on

“for ever”.

It comes a day after his leadership rival Jeremy Hunt refused four times to say if he thought the bloodsport was cruel.

One year after Labour banned hunting, Johnson described how he “loved” his day with a hunt, saying he wanted hunting to go on “for ever” and that “if the hounds pick up a fox, so be it”. He has also voted in favour of hunting.

Sue Hayman MP, Labour’s Shadow Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Secretary, said:

“It is a simple question: does Boris Johnson still support fox hunting, yes or no? The fact that he is refusing to answer shows how far he will go to avoid scrutiny.

“There is overwhelming support in both rural and urban areas for keeping the ban on fox hunting that Labour was proud to bring in and will strengthen in government.”

[Welcome news for workers at JLR – Rebecca Long Bailey](#)

Rebecca Long Bailey MP, Shadow Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary,

commenting on the news Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) is investing in building a range of electric vehicles at its Castle Bromwich plant in Birmingham, said:

“This is welcome news for the workers at JLR and a ray of hope for the automotive sector at this difficult time.

“However, the fact remains that overall investment in UK automotive is plummeting and global players are choosing to invest in electrification elsewhere.

“The government must urgently work with industry and trade unions to ensure this investment from JLR is a model to other manufacturers and not an exception.”

[Three consecutive quarters of falling productivity – John McDonnell](#)

John McDonnell MP, Shadow Chancellor, responding to news of productivity decreasing by 0.2% in the first quarter of 2019, said:

“We now have three consecutive quarters of falling productivity – another sign of an economy going backwards under the Tories.

“For nine long years, we’ve seen not just brutal austerity but also an utter failure by the Tories to get a grip on the productivity crisis.

“While the Tory leadership candidates talk about tax cuts for the rich, it’s clearer than ever that it’s time for a Labour Government, which will tackle the productivity crisis through a package of policies including a National Transformation Fund, National Investment Bank, and £10 per hour real living wage.”

[John McDonnell response to reports that Boris Johnson held a secretive](#)

dinner at a restaurant owned by donors accused of money laundering

John McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor,
responding to reports that Boris Johnson held a secretive dinner at a
restaurant owned by donors accused of money laundering, said:

"Boris Johnson's association with a company being investigated for
money laundering makes him wholly unfit to be Prime Minister."