

# Radioactive Waste Management and COVID-19

We are asking colleagues to work from home where possible, avoid all business travel, and adapt as necessary with a greater emphasis on flexible and remote working.

We are continuing to perform our vital role, providing solutions for managing higher activity radioactive waste and implementing geological disposal.

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For updates, guidance, and information about how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 [click here](#)

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## Italian restaurant boss fails to pay correct taxes

Mamma Mia Cucina Limited was incorporated in April 2012 and traded as an Italian restaurant of the same name in Chingford, East London.

Alessio Polito (39), also from Chingford, was appointed one of two directors at the same time as Mamma Mia Cucina was incorporated and by December 2013, he was the sole remaining director.

Seven years later, in January 2019, Mamma Mia Cucina entered into Creditors Voluntary Liquidation and the company was brought to the attention of the Insolvency Service as there were discrepancies in Mamma Mia Cucina's tax returns.

Further enquiries by investigators found that for 5 years between April 2013 and April 2018, Alessio Polito under-declared Mamma Mia Cucina's sales and failed to submit accurate tax returns to the value of just over £50,000 VAT.

On 21 February 2020, the Secretary of State accepted a disqualification undertaking from Alessio Polito for 7 years. Effective from 13 March 2020, Alessio Polito is banned from acting as a director or directly or indirectly becoming involved, without the permission of the court, in the promotion, formation or management of a company.

Lawrence Zussman, Deputy Head of Insolvent Investigations for the Insolvency Service, said:

Alessio Polito clearly failed to take his responsibilities as a director seriously when he under-declared the restaurant's level of sales.

Directors have a duty to pay the correct level of taxes and thanks to his substantial ban, Alessio Polito has been removed from the business environment for a considerable amount of time.

Alessio Polito is from Chingford, East London, and his date of birth is May 1980.

MAMMA MIA CUCINA LIMITED (Company number 08015975)

Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of restrictions](#).

[Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct.](#)

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## **British Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi visits Industrial Cities of Pakistan**

During his visit, the British Deputy High Commissioner held series of meetings with prominent businessmen and visited industrial units to discuss potential trade opportunities for mutual benefit, and to better understand the current business climate.

In Sialkot, he met Nadeem Anwer Qureshi, Chairman for Sialkot International Airport Limited (SIAL), and Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce along with other prominent businessmen.

In Lahore, he met Additional Inspector General, Ali Aamir Malik, Managing Director, Punjab Safe Cities Authority and Lieutenant General Muzammil Hussain (Retd) Chairman WAPDA. The British Deputy High Commissioner also visited the Walled City of Lahore and appreciated the city's old architecture. In Faisalabad, Mike met with Rana Mohammad Sikander Azam and other members of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He also visited the Pakistan Aluminium Beverage Cans Ltd, a UK-Pakistan Joint Venture in Pakistan's largest industrial estate

The British Deputy High Commissioner, Mike Nithavrianakis, said:

These vibrant industrial cities form the backbone of Pakistan's exports, earning vital foreign exchange, generating employment and enhancing competitiveness. I have been impressed by the cities' business leaders and their commitment to boosting Pakistan's economic and trade links with the world.

The products and services – as diverse as footballs, medical devices, musical instruments and textiles – manufactured by people here are famous around the world. Now is the time for the private sector to be encouraged and supported at every level to promote bilateral trade between the UK and Pakistan and develop long-term, sustainable business relations.

#### **Notes to editors:**

- Total trade in goods and services between the UK and Pakistan was £3.3 billion from July 2018 to June 2019, an increase of 4.7% or £147m from the previous year.
- By June 2019, Pakistan exported £2 billion of goods and services to the UK, an increase of 6.9% or £128m compared to the previous year.
- By June 2019, Pakistan imported £1.3 billion of goods and services from UK, an increase of 1.5% or £19m compared to the previous year.
- The UK is Pakistan's largest export market in Europe and is the third largest globally after the US and China. UK is also Pakistan's largest export market globally for services.
- In 2017, UK Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Pakistan totalled £791 million, accounting for 0.1% of total UK FDI in that year. Pakistan's FDI in the UK in 2017 stood at £6m.
- Around 135 British firms operate and invest in Pakistan.

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## Road workers team up with school to clean up the neighbourhood

Staff from County Bridge Primary School in Walsall invited workers to join their litter pick after members of the Junction 10 project team, who are carrying out a £78 million scheme to replace the busy junction, gave an assembly for pupils.

The new junction will widen the roundabout from two lanes to four and replace the existing bridges over the motorway.

The work is a joint venture between Highways England and Walsall Council, supported by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

Staff from Highways England, Walsall Council and contractor John Sisk & Son volunteered their own time to work with pupils and staff from the school in Anson Road, Bentley, and members of the local community to clean up the area.

Concentrating on the Anson Road play area and adjacent woodland, the litter-pickers collected a total of 42 bags of rubbish.

Highways England Project Manager David Reed said:

We fully appreciate that road works, though necessary, can be disruptive for local people. We appreciate their patience and are keen to give something back to the community whenever possible.

This team effort was a great way to work with local people to enhance their local environment. Litter is an important issue and we are delighted to have helped clear 42 bags of rubbish from this community play area.

Deputy Leader of Walsall Council, Councillor Adrian Andrew added:

This is a great example of people coming together to make a difference in our communities. I'd like to thank the pupils of my old school, County Bridge Primary and our partners for their time and enthusiasm.

Headteacher Mrs Rabia Patel said:

It was great to bring the whole school community together to tackle the local issues with the litter and to get the serious message

across that it is everyone's responsibility to keep our local environment litter-free.

The pupils and staff worked closely with parents, the local community, fire service, police and Walsall Council. They also invited Highways England and John Sisk, the contractors for the improvement work on the M6 at Junction 10, to come along and support the school in their litter-picking effort.

Hopefully, the messages shared by the children will continue to impact on the local environment and as a result, there will be an increased responsibility in keeping the local area tidier in the future.

Around 200,000 bags of litter are collected from Highways England roads every year. Litter presents a serious safety risk besides being unsightly and a risk to wildlife and the environment.

### **General enquiries**

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

### **Media enquiries**

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

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## **[Government to grant permission for pubs and restaurants to operate as takeaways as part of coronavirus response](#)**



- Communities Secretary confirms the government will set out measures so that pubs and restaurants can operate as hot food takeaways to serve people having to stay at home
- Relaxation of planning measures will be introduced as soon as possible and will apply for a limited period
- Currently planning permission is required for businesses to carry out this change

Planning rules will be relaxed so pubs and restaurants can operate as hot food takeaways during the coronavirus outbreak, the Communities Secretary has confirmed.

Currently, planning permission is required for businesses to carry out a change of use to a hot food takeaway. The government has confirmed regulations will be relaxed to enable businesses to deliver this service without a planning application.

The measures are the latest in a series of practical steps the government is taking to support businesses and help people who need to self-isolate, as well as vulnerable groups and older people who have been strongly advised to avoid social contact outside their homes to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said:

We are committed to doing everything we can to tackle the pandemic and support people, businesses and communities through this difficult time.

These changes will provide vital flexibility to pubs and restaurants and will ensure people are able to safely stay at home while still supporting some of the great local businesses across this country.

The government has confirmed the relaxations to planning rules will be put in place as soon as possible to provide reassurance to businesses and enable them to start providing takeaways to people quickly.

The measures will apply to hot food and drinks. Serving of alcoholic drinks will continue to be subject to existing licensing laws.

Permitted development rights allow movement between one use class and another for example from a restaurant (A3) to a shop (A1) without planning permission.

The government will introduce a time limited permitted development right through secondary legislation (negative SI) to allow the temporary change of use of a pub (A4 – drinking establishment) and a restaurant (A3 – restaurants and cafes) to a hot-food take away for a period of up to 12 months only.

Businesses will be required to tell the local planning authority when the new use begins and ends.

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