

# Funding the Future

## We cannot afford Amazon's monopoly power

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The weekend was just too busy to cover this story, which came out on Saturday, but it's worth covering now. It another occasion when a tweet helps as the way into the story as The Time story can be read by following the links through:

<https://twitter.com/fairtaxmark/status/1324997981486116869?s=27>

The rest of the thread by my friends at the Fair Tax Mark (which I co-founded and still advise) read as follows:

**Fair Tax Mark** @FairTaxMark · Nov 7  
Replying to @FairTaxMark  
Add to this EY's involvement – who figured prominently as enablers of tax avoidance in the Paradise Papers data leak – and we are left with some big questions as to the balance of this Committee.  
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**Fair Tax Mark** @FairTaxMark · Nov 7  
Not so long ago the CBI opposed much needed measures to counter illicit financial flows, such as the introduction of public registers of company beneficial ownership. This must not happen again.  
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**Fair Tax Mark** @FairTaxMark · Nov 7  
We need the CBI to be a progressive voice on responsible tax conduct, especially when the public purse is under such stress due to the coronavirus crisis.  
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**Fair Tax Mark** @FairTaxMark · Nov 7  
To add insult to injury. This comes on top of the discovery last month that Amazon is now central to the UK Government's consideration of post-Brexit procurement rules - via a secret advisory panel for which no minutes or ToR.  
  
Amazon on 'secret' government panel helping to shape post-Brexit ...  
EXCLUSIVE The Mirror can reveal Amazon is advising ministers on buying goods and services while raking in millions in government ...  
[mirror.co.uk](https://www.mirror.co.uk)  
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**Fair Tax Mark** @FairTaxMark · Nov 7  
We are rapidly closing in on a day when we wake up to discover that Amazon operate the bulk of the UK's procurement systems, right down to the pens, pencils and paper used in our schools and local council offices.  
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This is corporate capture at its worst.

The Fair Tax Mark is right to highlight the issue.

We cannot afford this scale of monopoly power. Ultimately that comes at cost to us all.