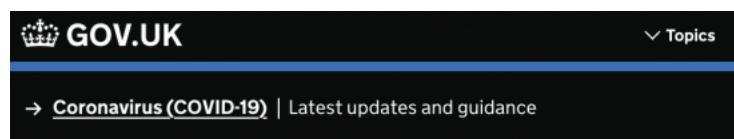


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Tax haven cities of the UK?

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Press release

Full list of places aiming to become Jubilee cities revealed

The full list of 39 places which have applied for city status as part of the 2022 Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition has been announced today.

From: [Cabinet Office](#) and [Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport](#)

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These are the places applying to be cities in 2022:

List of places which applied for city status

- Alcester, Warwickshire
- Ballymena, County Antrim
- Bangor, County Down
- Blackburn, Lancashire
- Bolsover, Derbyshire
- Boston, Lincolnshire
- Bournemouth, Dorset
- Coleraine, County Londonderry
- Colchester, Essex
- Crawley, West Sussex
- Crewe, Cheshire
- Doncaster, South Yorkshire
- Dorchester, Dorset
- Douglas, Isle of Man
- Dudley, West Midlands
- Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway
- Dunfermline, Fife
- Elgin, Moray

Peel, Isle of Man; Douglas, Isle of Man; Georgetown, Cayman Islands and Gibraltar are on the list.

Each likes to claim it is quite independent of the UK, except when it suits them of course. Then they are tax havens doing their utmost to undermine the UK tax system and the rule of law in this country.

If confirmation was required that the best sign that a place is a tax haven is having the Queen's head on its stamps this surely is all that is required.

The hypocrisy on all parts, from the monarch, to the government, to these places, is quite staggering.