

# Funding the Future

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The [Mirror quotes me at length this morning](#), saying:

*Some have claimed Sunak's alleged financial links to Russia mean he is not a "fit" to be in charge of the nation's purse. Speaking to the Mirror, Professor Richard Murphy, Director of Tax Research UK, said: "Sunak's wife has close ties through her family to a company that is trading and profiting from Russia, and which has been a significant source of business for them over recent years, which has led to her being worth hundreds of millions of pounds.*

*"The Chancellor lives in a family of untold wealth and some of that wealth is presently being supported by commercial links with Russia, which they appear to have no sign of wishing to break. I'm quite sure they are not breaking them because it pays them to keep them going.*

*"I follow a rule which is commonplace in finance, which is to ask the question whether someone is a fit and proper person to undertake the job. The person has to prove that they are independent, to be able to offer objective advice on which people can rely, and that their opinion making is free from influence. Rishi Sunak is the man in charge of our nation's finances. My question is, is he a fit and proper person to be in charge? Is he objective and able to form an uninfluenced opinion about what is best for this country, independent of Russia's influence on his family's fortune? I don't think he is."*

I admit they had used the quote before: it was recycled by them.

But if Labour knows anything about political attack it is a line they should be taking, especially after yesterday's conference performance.