## Business Closures Notified to Wiltshire Rates 1st April 2020 – 11th August 2020

There has been a total of 292 business closures notified to the Wiltshire Business Rates team since  $1^{\text{st}}$  April 2020 – 27% in the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sector, 34% in the office sector and 39% from commercial units. The majority of the office sector has been from small office space – one to two desk offices – and the bulk of the commercial units have either been storage space or small workshops, under 800sqft.

We are aware that some of these closures are the result of expansion, moving to bigger premises. I hope to be able to do some similar analysis of business openings in the next few weeks.



