

Dear Editor

**Modern Slavery: how do we separate expedient economy from our human nature?**

Your several reports headlined by *Slaves on Our Streets* (12.9.17) is a shocking but necessary start to a greater awareness: what is the human price of our 'bargains' and easy convenience?

Yet the brutally exploitive conditions you describe of some powerless poor in London sound similar to reports of the living and working conditions of hundred of thousands of Chinese in factories making our smartphones and tablets. And how many of us, in London, will not shop around for the 'best deal' (for us)?

There is no clear place to stop what you have started. Thank you.

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