



Thank you for attending my St Albans Business Summit. The aim of the meeting is to discuss any challenges facing your business and see if there is anything we can be aware of, and I can raise with the Government, to try to help out.

In these difficult economic times, I know many local businesses will be worried about what the future may bring. Independent assessors have said that St Albans will be hit particularly hard by the downturn, and locally unemployment has increased by as much as 75%.

It is vital that we are all aware of what challenges our area faces, so we can see if there is anything that can be done to help local businesses keep their heads above water, and even expand.

As the Member of Parliament for St Albans, I can help by raising issues with the Government, where they are failing local businesses, and holding them to account over those failings.

It would be helpful for me if you could fill in the following questionnaire about your business, so I know a little more about the challenges facing you. Please also supply a business card if you have one.

Business details

Your name:

Your position:

Business Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

Website:

About your business (Page 1):

What does your business do?

How many people do you employ?

1-3 4-8 8-12 12-30 30+

Over the next year do you anticipate that your business will:

Grow Stay the same Downsize

Have you applied for Small Business Rate Relief? Yes No

Have you experienced problems with the Inland Revenue over the past 12 months?
Yes No

If yes, please give brief details (if you wish to do so):

Have you had problems with late payments over the past 12 months? Yes No

If yes, please give brief details (if you wish to do so):

About your business (Page 2):

If yes, have any of these late payments been from public sector organisations?

Yes No (please give brief details, if you wish to do so)

Have you struggled getting a loan/ credit/ overdraft over the past 12 months? Yes

No

If yes, please give brief details (if you wish to do so):

What has been your recent experience of commercial rents in St Albans?

About your business (Page 3):

Is there anything specific that you think I should be raising with the Government as your Member of Parliament (e.g. recent Government regulations)?

Do you have any further comments?

Are you happy for me to write to Ministers / Shadow Ministers to raise issues facing your business? Yes No

Are you happy for me to raise issues your business is facing in Parliament? Yes No

Are you happy for me to contact you with feedback from this survey and other information which may be useful to you? Yes No

If you would prefer my researcher to email you a copy of this questionnaire so you can fill it in electronically please ensure you have included the correct email address on the first page and tick this box



*****This page can be detached if you wish to retain my contact details*****

If you would prefer to send me a letter or email outlining any problems you are facing, and where you think I could help, please send this to the following address:

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And, if you would like to contact me by telephone please do call my Westminster Office on:

0207 219 8270

Thank you once again for coming today. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can be doing to help you.

With best wishes

Anne Main MP