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House of Commons

ALYN SMITH MP

Member of the Westminster Parliament
Stirling Constituency



Dear resident,

I hope this letter finds you well in these strange times. I am as you may know your new Member of the Westminster Parliament. I was delighted to be elected to serve Stirling and its surrounding communities last December - it seems years ago! Many people have since contacted me for help during the Covid-19 pandemic, but I'm conscious not everyone has. So I thought I should write to ask how you're doing. How are you?

I am keen to hear from people as we contemplate the next steps of the pandemic. Since full lockdown ended, I have been out and about supporting local businesses, but I know a lot of people are anxious; fearful both of Covid itself, but also the economic consequences of the lockdown. My number one priority is jobs in the constituency. I'm focussing my efforts on supporting businesses and working alongside local MSPs and Councillors to support public services.

I have organised a survey so you can tell me what you think. To further save costs to the taxpayer, is it via my website at www.alynsmith.scot/howareyou and I am keen to hear your thoughts on how Covid has changed all our lives. This will better allow me to represent you, knowing how you're feeling. If you do not have internet access then please do fill in the survey overleaf and pop it back in the post to me at the address below the questions.

More generally, I am keen to keep in touch and to be transparent and accountable for what I do in Westminster and at home. I have set up my team at STEP in Stirling jointly with local MSP Bruce Crawford, and can be reached through it at the details below. I have also set up my website www.alynsmith.scot and we are producing fortnightly editions of *Stirling Matters*, our round-up of local issues I have been active on. This is sent out by email, again to save costs to the taxpayer, so do please feel free to register to receive it at www.alynsmith.scot/newsletter.

I have spoken to hundreds of people in my surgeries in recent months. These are by appointment and arranged through the office. For the foreseeable future they are zoom calls or phone calls to as to keep people as safe as possible. I am also visible on social media at www.facebook.com/alynsmithSNP or @alynsmith on Twitter.

I have been inspired by how the many communities that make up the Stirling Constituency have come together through this pandemic. We're not out of the woods yet, but we will get through it. I'm privileged to be one of your representatives and promise I will play my part. You can help me do that by getting in touch with your views. Stay safe.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyn Smith".

Alyn Smith MP

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Covid-19 Survey

Personal details.

Name:

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Address:

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being not very, 10 being very), how optimistic are you about how the Covid-19 crisis is being handled by:-

Stirling Council

The Scottish Government

The UK government

NHS Forth Valley

If any, what support have you received during the pandemic (tick as appropriate)?

Business support/loan

Furlough Scheme

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

Other (please specify)

If at all, how has the pandemic affected your employment situation (tick as appropriate)?

- A) I have become unemployed since Lockdown started.
- B) I have started a new job since Lockdown started.
- C) I was unemployed before Lockdown and I still am.
- D) I was employed before Lockdown and nothing has changed for me.
- E) I am still employed in the job I had before Lockdown, but my work has changed (give details)

The UK government Furlough Scheme ends in October, do you think this is the right decision?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) It should continue, but for targeted industries and local lockdowns.

Local Lockdowns may be needed in some places to control small outbreaks of Covid-19. If this happened in Stirling, what would your immediate concerns be?

Thank you, please return your answers to: Office 16, STEP, Stirling, FK7 7RP