

**Press Release**  
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**Ben Gummer MP unveils plans for business growth at Basepoint Ipswich networking event**

Ben Gummer, MP for Ipswich, recently visited a business networking event at Basepoint Ipswich and informed attendees of his plans to support the growth of Ipswich and how he hopes the announcements in the Budget will benefit the area. He also highlighted his aims to improve the rail links to London in order to promote business growth and make use of Suffolk's untapped potential.

An informal question and answer session followed Mr Gummer's speech at the 'People Buy People Afternoon Tea', in which members of the local business community raised their concerns and put questions to the MP.



After the session, Ben Gummer said that he found the event very interesting and the discussion invigorating.

Michelle Wootton, centre manager at Basepoint Ipswich, commented: "The 'People Buy People' event was a huge success and I am grateful to Ben Gummer for attending – he was able to give a useful insight on what the future holds for Ipswich and our business community."

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