"I don’t come into this suicide business” He cannot see how he has done anything wrong.

“I didn’t ask for anything in return” he lies as we know he gives her money.

He initially feels regretful and sadness towards the death of Eva Smith. The theme of the younger generation vs the older generation

“Everything’s alright now” this shows the audience that he hasn’t changed his ways and believes that what he did was right, and he didn’t do anything wrong. Shows a deeper concern about being caught rather than his actions.

"I was lord mayor here two years ago......there’s a very good chance of a knighthood” shows how he likes to boast about what he has done and that he is a very proud man. He is obsessed with status and how he stands in society.

“for lower and higher prices” we like to call this as his motto.

“a man has to mind his own business and look after himself” he is a very selfish man.

“community and all that nonsense” shows that he is a capitalist and doesn’t believe in these socialist views. Priestly has done this to show Mr Birling as an idiot to further support his socialist views and how we should all come together as a society.

“she had a lot to say – far too much – so she had to go” shows that Mr Birling thinks very highly of himself and people aren’t allowed to backchat to him. “so she had to go” shows a casual approach to her firing meaning that he didn’t have much thought about it, meaning that us as an audience start to lose sympathy for Mr Birling.