

Dear Customer,

Local public consultation – Decision

Arnold Post Office 2 Worrall Avenue, Arnold, NG5 7GP

I'm writing to confirm that following a period of local public consultation and review we have made the decision to proceed with the move of the above Post Office into Unit 2, The AMP, Arnold Market Place, NG5 6ND.

We received a number of responses from customers all welcoming the proposal. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to let us have their comments and provide information. All the feedback we received helped us to better understand the views of customers and their representatives and this was taken into account, along with all other relevant factors, in making our decision. An information sheet is at the end of this letter providing further details about the new branch.

After careful consideration of the feedback received, we remain confident that the layout and location of the new branch will continue to meet customer needs and deliver an excellent service, whilst securing the long-term viability of Post Office services in the local community.

The current branch closed on Tuesday 16 August 2022 at 17:30. The new branch opening has been delayed. When the new opening date has been confirmed, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

During transfer of the branch customers requiring Post Office facilities may use any convenient Post Office service. Details of two alternative Post Office branches are provided below for your convenience:

- Killisick Estate Post Office, 7 Beechwood Road, Arnold, NG5 8BA
- Daybrook Post Office, 131 Sherbrook Road, Daybrook, NG5 6AS

This information is also available on the Post Office Consultation Hub at: postofficeviews.co.uk

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to consultation is available at the end of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Allison Wallace

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Appendix A

Response to Local Public Consultation

Consultation started 31 March 2022 Consultation ended 12 May 2022

Consultation responses

• 06 responses from customers

Appendix B

Arnold Post Office Information Summary

Unit 2 The AMP Arnold Market Place NG5 6ND

New opening hours

Mon	08:30 - 17:30
Tue – Fri	09:00 - 17:30
Sat	09:00 - 13:00
Sun	Closed

During the Coronavirus pandemic the branch may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website <u>www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder</u>

Products & Services

The same range of products and services will continue to be available.

Serving positions

There will be three serving positions in total; one screened and one open plan and a Post Office serving point at the retail counter.

Access

The new premises will have a wide door and level access at the entrance.

Internally, there will be a hearing loop, a low level writing desk, a low level serving counter and space for a wheelchair.

Getting there

The new premises will be located approximately 200 metres away from the current branch, along varied terrain.

There is a pay and display car park available on Gedling Road, located approximately 30 metres away from the new premises, with 2 hours free parking and designated disabled parking bays.

Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub -(postofficeviews.co.uk)

We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Officebranch.

We will **<u>Consult</u>** where we are seeking feedback on proposals prior to a decision being made on the:

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch¹
- Permanent relocation of a Post Office branch (including the franchising of a Directly Managed branch to a new site)

We will carry out a six-week² local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives³, Consumer Advocacy Bodies and selected charities⁴ of the proposal. This information will also be made available online and for a Directly Managed branch a press release will be issued to local media. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.).

The consultation will ask specific questions on areas where we would like feedback on access to Post Office services and will confirm when the change will happen if the decision is made to proceed. We will provide clear information on any changes to services as well as access to and into the new branch.

We welcome all feedback with the following factors being taken into account in making our decision, which we expect to make within four weeks of the close of consultation:

- Customer access to, into and inside the new or alternative branch/branches with particular regard to vulnerable consumers
- Any local community issues which could be affected by or affect the proposal

At the end of the consultation process we will write to locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies and respondents to the consultation (where practical) to confirm our decision and provide a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each. This information will be made available online and in branch (where possible).

These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland; the independent statutory consumer watchdogs.

What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether webelieve we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer watchdog (Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The watchdog will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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¹ There may be a small number of cases where due to circumstances outside our control we have no option other than to permanently close a branch in a particular location. In these cases, the consultation will seek feedback on alternative Post Office service provision in the area.

² If the consultation includes more than four weeks in July in Scotland and Northern Ireland or more than four weeks in August in England and Wales, we will extend the period by one calendar week. We will not start any local public consultation during the two-week period which includes the Christmas and New Year bankholidays.

³ Locally elected representatives include but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council.

⁴ Selected charities are local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. All parties referred to in 3 and 4 above are encouraged to share all information with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.