



Dear Customer,

Local public consultation - Have your say

**Barnet Post Office
63-65 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5UU**

As you may be aware Barnet Post Office branch will be operated by our retail partner Universal Office Equipment UK LTD (UOE) from Thursday 11 September 2025.

We are writing to advise our retail partner has now found a nearby alternative premises from which to operate the branch and they are proposing to relocate Barnet Post Office to 112a Barnet High Street (formerly Toy Galaxy), Barnet, EN5 5XQ. Services for customers would be unchanged, and opening hours would be increased to include Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The proposed new premises, which is currently empty, will undergo a refurbishment to incorporate a stationery store with Barnet Post Office branch.

Why are we making this change?

Post Office Limited recently announced it is moving to a fully franchised network, as part of our wider commitment to deliver a “New Deal for Postmasters”. Over 99% of the Post Office network is already successfully operated on a franchise basis by carefully selected retail partners. UOE believes the proposed move will help to provide a sustainable service for the future, improving the long-term viability of both their retail service and Barnet Post Office branch.

We’d like your help

We’re now starting a period of local public consultation, and your feedback is important to us as it will help to inform our decision. For more details on the proposed new services and layout, please see the branch information sheet at the end of this letter.

What exactly are we consulting on?

We’d welcome your comments on the following areas:

- **How easy is it to get to the proposed new location?**
- **Are the new premises easy for you to get into and are they easily accessible once inside?**
- **Are there any other local community issues which you believe could be affected by or affect the proposed move?**
- **If the move were to proceed is there anything we could do to make it easier for customers?**

Please note the proposed change of management of the branch is a decision for Post Office Ltd and therefore we are not seeking feedback on this aspect of the change.

Local Public Consultation starts	Tuesday 2 September 2025
Local Public Consultation ends	Tuesday 14 October 2025
Proposed month of closure	November 2025

Posters and leaflets will now be displayed in branch to let customers know about the proposal and to ask their views. You can share your views on the proposed change through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via postofficeviews.co.uk. When entering the website, you can use the search function to find the consultation for this branch either by branch name, postcode or the unique branch code **031005**

How to share your views:

Consultation Hub (postofficeviews.co.uk)

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Call: 03452 66 01 15

Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

FREEPOST Your Comments – N.B. This is the full postal address. Items sent by Freepost take 2 working days, please allow enough time for responses to be received.

Want to tell us what you think right here and now? Scan here.

If you don't have a QR code scanner on your phone, you can find one in your app store.



Good to know

- Post Office's "New Deal for Postmasters" will increase total annual postmaster remuneration by £250 million by 2030. To find out more, visit our [Post Office Corporate](https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk) website, (corporate.postoffice.co.uk – search postmaster new deal).
- Any independent franchise retail partner, including UOE, must have a clear track record of successfully running Post Office services, or similar customer-orientated retail ensuring they can deliver an excellent service to the community. UOE operates eight Mains Post Office branches, a Banking Hub, and a group of award-winning stationery stores across London, Hertfordshire, and Surrey.
- Franchise branches typically offer longer opening hours, as well as a wider retail offering compared to a standalone post office, providing greater convenience and accessibility for customers and businesses alike.
- All staff employed by UOE to work in the proposed new branch would be trained to the highest standards with on-going training on products and services, as well as operational and service-related matters.
- The proposed new branch would be a bright, modern open-plan layout which would include a complete internal refurbishment of the premises.
- We have stringent standards to ensure good access for all customers. Internally, the proposed new branch would be in line with Post Office specifications, making sure there is sufficient space for the Post Office service to operate alongside the retail offer. Working closely with the new operator on the internal layout ensuring the entrance, aisles and the queuing area are kept free from obstructions and adequate room is provided for customers and a wheelchair to move around without difficulty.
- If the relocation of a Post Office branch goes ahead, we will contact Royal Mail to inform them of the relocation. Royal Mail is a separate business, and the removal, relocation and provision of post boxes is their decision.
- As with any branch change, we understand that customers are often concerned about the impact of such changes on staff. Please be assured that our staff will be fully supported throughout this process.
- Posters and leaflets will now be displayed in branch to let customers know about the proposal and to ask their views.
- Any information we receive will be carefully considered as we finalise our plans.
- If you are a local representative, we will write to you again at the end of the consultation to respond to the main issues raised and to explain our final plans for the branch. At the end of the consultation and feedback review period, posters will be displayed in branch confirming our decision on this proposal and our response to the main issues raised will be available on our Consultation Hub.
- This consultation is being carried out in line with our Principles of Community Engagement which have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland - the independent statutory consumer advocacy bodies. An extract relating to consultation is available at the end of this letter.

If you are a local representative, it would be helpful if you could share this information through your social media channels and with any local groups or organisations that you know within the community, for example on noticeboards, local charities and in GP surgeries, to help our customers and your constituents understand the changes we are proposing to Barnet Post Office. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know. Our contact details can be found at the bottom of the first page.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

Yours faithfully

Martin Edwards

Martin Edwards
Transformation Delivery Director
Post Office Limited

Barnet Post Office Information Summary

There are times our branches may need to make changes to its opening hours. The latest available branch information can be found on our website www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

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Services available																																	
The same range of services would still be available.																																	
Serving positions																																	
There would be two open plan serving positions. Four self-service machines would be available at a later date, however in the interim, two additional temporary serving counters would be provided. The total number of serving positions has been based on future predicted business levels.																																	
Access																																	
Access would be level with an automatic door at the entrance to the proposed premises. Low-level serving counters, a low-level writing desk, pin pads and hearing loops would be available.																																	
Getting there																																	
The proposed premises would be located approximately 60 metres away from the current branch, along varied terrain. Time restricted Pay by Phone roadside parking is available nearby with time restricted dedicated disabled parking approximately 20 metres from the new premises. Moxon Street Car Park with designated disabled parking bays is also available within 180 metres for the proposed premises. Up to 1 hour free parking. Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas. Information on public transport routes and timetables can be accessed at www.tfl.gov.uk																																	
Store retail available	Stationery.																																

To get this information in a different format, for example, in larger print, audio or braille call 03452 66 01 15 or Textphone 03457 22 33 55.

The latest available branch information, including possible alternatives Post Office branches in the area, can be found on our website www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

For additional information about product availability call 03457 223344.
For details of maximum value of transactions, please speak to the branch operator.
Information on public transport routes and timetables can be accessed at www.tfl.gov.uk

Services available	Current Branch	Proposed Branch
Everyday Personal & Business Banking		
Cash Withdrawals	✓	✓
Cash Deposits	✓	✓
Cheque Deposits	✓	✓
Mails		
Drop & Go	✓	✓
Parcelforce Express Services	✓	✓
DPD - Buy in branch	✓	✓
DPD - Drop off and collections	✓	✓
Evri - Buy in branch	✓	✓
Evri - Drop off and collections	✓	✓
Post & Go	✓	✓
Pay Bills & Top Up		
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Passport Applications		
Paper Check & Send - New & Renewals	✓	✓
Digital Check & Send - New & Renewals	✓	✓
Licence Applications		
SIA Licence Application	✓	✓
Taxi & Private Hire Licence Applications	✓	✓
Identity Services		
Document Certification Service	✓	✓
In Branch Verification	✓	✓
Driving		
DVLA Photocard Renewal	✓	✓
Vehicle Tax	✓	✓
Travel		
Foreign Currency	✓	✓
Travel Insurance	✓	✓
Travel Money Card	✓	✓
Your Finances		
Western Union	✓	✓
Savings application forms	✓	✓
Savings Account ID Verification (free)	✓	✓

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 Office branch.

We will **Consult** - where we are seeking feedback on proposals prior to a decision being made on the:

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch⁵
- 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-week⁶ local public consultation, informing customers, locally elected representatives, Consumer Advocacy Bodies, and selected charities 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, Consumer Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, the independent statutory consumer advocacy bodies.

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 we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer advocacy body (Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland, or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The consumer advocacy body 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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⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 bank holidays.