



Dear Customer

Local public consultation – Decision

**Builth Wells Post Office
1 High Street, Builth Wells, LD2 3DN**

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 Crown Buildings (currently Barclays Bank), 11 Broad Street, Builth Wells, LD2 3AE, where it will continue to operate as one of our local style branches.

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 this was taken into account, along with all other relevant factors, in making our decision. A summary of the feedback is enclosed along with an information sheet 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.

We're currently making the final arrangements for the move and further information will be provided in branch once the dates have been agreed.

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

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Appendix A

Response to Local Public Consultation

Consultation started Thursday 8 February 2024

Consultation ended Thursday 21 March 2024

Consultation responses

- 43 responses

Key issues raised

- Distance

Response to issues raised

Distance

Customers welcomed and supported the move because the new location is located next door and offers level access to Post Office services. Some customers raised concerns that they will have further to travel to access Post Office services. I acknowledge that for some customers the move may mean a slightly longer journey than currently, however, we remain confident the move will not significantly impede customer access to Post Office services.

We can confirm the new premises will be located on the same road, approximately 15 metres away with a walking distance from the current site, along mostly level terrain. In situations such as this there will always be some customers who are more inconvenienced than others and we can only apologise for this. We believe this relocation is the most effective way to secure the long-term viability of Post Office services in Builth Wells.

Appendix B

Builth Wells Post Office Summary Sheet

Crown Buildings (currently Barclays Bank)
11 Broad Street
Builth Wells
LD2 3AE

Opening hours

Mon - Sat	08:00 - 22:00
Sun	10:00 - 14:00

**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**

Products & Services

The same range of products and services will still be available.

Serving positions

There will be two Post Office serving points 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 branch will be located approximately 15 metres away from the current branch, along mostly level terrain.

Time restricted roadside parking is available directly outside the new premises and a small customer car park with a disabled parking bay will be available at the rear of the new premises.

Retail

Convenience store.

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 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 we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer watchdog (Citizens Advice, Consumer 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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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.