



Dear Customer,

Local public consultation – Decision

**Goldthorpe Post Office
20 Market Street, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9HA**

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 Best Store at 39 Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9HG – where it would 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 their representatives 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,

Allison Wallace

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Appendix A

Response to Local Public Consultation

Consultation started 17 January 2025

Consultation ended 28 February 2025

Consultation responses

- 18 responses from customers and local representatives

Key issues raised

- Parking
- Antisocial Behaviour & Security
- Internal Space

Response to issues raised

Parking

Parking and the availability of parking spaces are problems faced generally in many locations nationwide. Whilst the availability of parking spaces is outside the direct control of Post Office Limited. A further review of parking has been carried out and has confirmed that there is parking at the lay bye as well as off street parking available behind the new location.

Antisocial Behaviour & Security

It has been brought to the attention of the new Postmaster, who will be working closely with the local community Police and raise any concerns which may affect the safety our customers. We will continue to update staff and customers with practical instructions to allow them to stay safe whilst serving the needs of their communities. We remain committed to providing essential services to our communities whilst keeping our colleagues and customers safe.

Internal Space

Internally the new branch will be in line with Post Office specifications, making sure there is sufficient space for the Post Office service to operate alongside the retail offer. We will be working closely with the new operator on the internal layout and some fixtures and fittings will be re-aligned or removed to make sure there is clear access into the premises, ensuring the entrance, aisles and the waiting area are kept free from obstructions and adequate room is provided for customers and a wheelchair to move around without difficulty.

Appendix B

Goldthorpe Post Office Information Summary

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

New Location																	
Best Store, 39 Doncaster Road, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9HG																	
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Products and Services																	
Similar services will still be available, however excluding On Demand Travel Insurance, Vehicle Tax and Passport Check & Send																	
Serving positions																	
There will be two serving positions at the retail counter.																	
Access																	
The new premises will have a wide door and level access at the entrance.																	
Getting there																	
The new branch will be located approximately 120 metres from the current branch, along varied terrain. Time restricted parking is available nearby, with disabled bays outside the new premises.																	
Store retail available	Convenience store																

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 postmaster.

Services Available	Current Branch	New Branch
Everyday Personal & Business Banking		
Cash Withdrawals	✓	✓
Cash Deposits	✓	✓
Cheque Deposits	✓	✓
Mails		
Drop & Go	✓	✓
Parcelforce Express Services	✓	✓
Pay Bills & Top Up		
Pay Bills & Top-up	✓	✓
Passport Applications		
Paper Check & Send - New & Renewals	✓	✗
Digital Check & Send - New & Renewals	✓	✗
Driving		
DVLA Photocard Renewal	✓	✗
Vehicle Tax	✓	✗
Travel		
Foreign Currency	✓	Euros / Dollars
Travel Insurance	✓	✗
Travel Money Card	✓	✓
Your Finances		
Western Union	✓	✓
Savings Application Forms	✓	✗

✗ Services not available at the new branch are available at Thurnscoe Post Office, Houghton Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0NG

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 08:30 – 17:30;
Sat 09:00 – 13:30;
Sun Closed

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.