



Dear Customer,

**Haughton Road Drop & Collect**  
**Spar Darlington, Haughton Road Service Station, Darlington, DL1 2LD**

I am providing update to my previous communication regarding our plans to open a new lighter format Post Office branch at the above location. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the opening date has been delayed and is now scheduled to commence on Wednesday 04 October 2023 at 13:00.

Posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know about the new opening date.

Yours faithfully,

*Natalie Liff*

**Natalie Liff**

**Propositions Manager**

**Network Propositions**

How to contact us:

[comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk)

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Opening times & Post Office services available	
Mon - Sun	06:00 – 23:00
Mail	
Parcel collect and return – prepaid only	
Other	
Bill payments	
Mobile top-up service	
<b>For information about product availability call 03457 22 33 44.</b>	

## **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](https://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 **Notify** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Temporary closure<sup>1</sup>/ temporary service interruption
- Re-opening of a temporarily closed branch in the same site
- Opening a new branch unrelated to a previous closure
- Location used by a Mobile Post Office within a community

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, providing four weeks' notice. Where four weeks' notice is not possible, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For temporary closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

**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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

We notify locally elected representatives including 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, selected charities, local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. They are also encouraged to share all information additionally with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.