



Dear Customer

Morningside Post Office®
265 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 4RD

Bruntsfield Post Office®
115 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh, EH10 4EQ

Local public consultation

I'm writing further to my previous letter in which I advised you that we are proposing to merge Morningside Post Office and Bruntsfield Post Office into one modern new branch at the nearby vacant retail store at 28-30 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 4DA.

Unfortunately our letter contained some incorrect information, we stated that the same wide range of products and services would still be available with the exception of a cash machine. I can however confirm that should we proceed with our proposal, DVLA Photocard Driving Licence renewal, Security Industry Authority Licence (SIA) licence application services and Biometric Enrolment service for the Home Office would also not be available at the new branch.

To allow you the opportunity to share feedback in regards to this change, we are commencing a further period of two weeks local public consultation. All other information in our original proposal letter remains unchanged.

Please take into consideration from early 2019 the Home Office will transfer the Biometric Enrolment Service to a new national provider and this service will no longer be available at any Post Office branches. In the interim the nearest alternative branch providing the Biometric Enrolment service for the Home Office is Edinburgh City Post Office, Waverley Mall, Waverley Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1BQ approximately 2.8 miles away.

We will be accepting your comments until 5 December 2018. You can share your views on the proposed change through our easy and convenient online questionnaire via the link below. When entering the site you can use the search function to find the consultation for this branch either by branch name, postcode or the unique branch code 004824.

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How to contact us:

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comments@postoffice.co.uk

Call: 03452 66 01 15

Textphone: 03457 22 33 55

FREEPOST Your Comments

Please note this is the full address to use and no further address details are required.

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

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Items sent by Freepost take two working days to arrive, so responses by Freepost should be sent in sufficient time to arrive before the end of the consultation period. Working days do not include Saturdays or Sundays. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

Dates for local public consultation:

Local Public Consultation starts	21 November 2018
Local Public Consultation ends	5 December 2018
Proposed month of change	February 2019

We are committed to engaging with and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. This notification is being carried out in line with our Principles of Community Engagement which have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland - the independent statutory consumer watchdogs. A copy is available at the end of this letter.

Thank you for considering our proposal. Any information we receive will be considered as we finalise our plans for the new branch. I've enclosed an information sheet that provides more details about the new location.

Yours faithfully



Roger Gale
Network & Sales Director
Post Office Limited

Morningside Post Office information sheet																																													
	Current locations		Proposed new location																																										
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Serving positions	There would be three serving positions in total; one screened and two open plan. The total number of serving positions has been based on current and future predicted business levels.																																												
Access and facilities	Access into the proposed premises would be level with a ramp immediately inside and with automatic doors at the entrance. Low level serving counters, a low level writing desk and a hearing loop would be available.																																												
How far away is it?	Approximately 700 metres away from Morningside branch and 500 metres away from Bruntsfield branch, along hilly terrain.																																												
Transport & parking at the proposed new premises	<p style="text-align: center;">Parking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time-restricted pay & display roadside parking is available directly opposite the proposed premises.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Buses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas.</p>																																												
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Other branches in the area

Tollcross Post Office

33 Home Street
Edinburgh
EH3 9JR

Mon	09:00 – 17:30
Tue	09:00 – 17:30
Wed	09:00 – 17:30
Thu	09:00 – 17:30
Fri	09:00 – 17:30
Sat	09:00 – 14:30
Sun	Closed

Services

This branch offers a wide range of services including a comprehensive range of Travel Money, Car tax, Passport Check & Send and On Demand travel insurance.

Route

Approximately 1.2 miles from Morningside branch and 0.5 miles from Bruntsfield branch.

Transport

Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas.

Dundee Street Post Office

181 Dundee Street
Edinburgh
EH11 1BY

Mon	09:00 – 17:30
Tue	09:00 – 17:30
Wed	09:00 – 17:30
Thu	09:00 – 17:30
Fri	09:00 – 17:30
Sat	09:00 – 12:30
Sun	Closed

Services

This branch offers a wide range of services including Euro and Dollar travel money, National Lottery and On Demand travel insurance.

Route

Approximately 1.2 miles from Morningside branch and 0.8 miles from Bruntsfield branch.

Transport

Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas.

Dalry Road Post Office

91 Dalry Road
Edinburgh
EH11 2AB

Mon	08:30 – 17:30
Tue	08:30 – 17:30
Wed	09:00 – 17:30
Thu	09:00 – 17:30
Fri	09:00 – 17:30
Sat	09:00 – 14:00
Sun	Closed

Services

This branch offers a wide range of services including a comprehensive range of Travel Money, Car tax, On Demand travel insurance, and an external cash machine.

Route

Approximately 1.4 miles from Morningside branch and 0.9 miles from Bruntsfield branch.

Transport

Public transport available to and from the surrounding areas.

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.

Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network

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 closure¹/ 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.

We will **Engage** - where we are seeking feedback on a decision that has been made on:

- Re-opening of a temporarily closed branch in a new location (where the branch has been closed for more than three months)
- Franchising of a Directly Managed branch in its existing site

While the decision to proceed will have already been made, we will welcome suggestions about specific aspects of the change such as access arrangements and the internal layout. We will provide four weeks' notice or, where extenuating circumstances prevent this, we will provide as much notice as possible.

During this period we will display a poster in branch and provide information online. We will contact locally elected representatives², the Consumer Advocacy Bodies and selected charities³, providing clear information on any changes to services or access arrangements at the branch. We will ask locally elected representatives to share information with other key community outlets (such as notice boards, local charities, magazines, GP surgeries etc.). We will publish the outcome of the engagement online and in branch, providing a summary of key issues raised with a clear response to each and any changes made to our original plans.

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

- Permanent closure of a Post Office branch⁴
- 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-week⁵ 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, 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 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, 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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¹We will provide an update to locally elected representatives if the status of the temporarily closed branch has not changed after 12 months.

² Locally elected representatives include but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council.

³ 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 2 and 3 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.