



Dear Customer,

Local public consultation - Have your say

**New Elgin Post Office
4 Main Street, New Elgin, Elgin, IV30 6BQ**

We are proposing to move the above Post Office branch to a new location: Premier New Elgin, 66 Main Street, New Elgin, Elgin, IV30 6BG, where it would continue to operate as one of our main style branches, subject to consultation.

Why are we proposing this move?

As you may know, our postmasters operate Post Office branches alongside their own retail businesses, and it is essential that they use their resources effectively to ensure the long-term sustainability of both their business and the Post Office service. In this instance, the postmaster has identified an opportunity to relocate the branch to an alternative site nearby, allowing Post Office services to continue to be provided to the local community.

The proposed premises would be refurbished to accommodate New Elgin Post Office with the existing Petrol Station and Convenience Store. The postmaster believes this move would help secure continued access to Post Office services locally while supporting the viability of their business. Our priority is to safeguard services for the community in the longer term, and this relocation would enable us to maintain Post Office provision for our customers.

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 of the proposed services and accessibility, please see the branch information summary later in this consultation document.

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 change?**
- **If the move were to proceed, is there anything we could do to make it easier for customers?**

Local Public Consultation starts	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Local Public Consultation ends	Wednesday 14 October 2026
Proposed month of change	January/February 2027

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 **218801**

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

- Customers would access Post Office services in a modern environment alongside the operator's retail.
- Working with the postmaster, we'd adapt the current store layout, fixtures and fittings to accommodate the Post Office. It would be in a dedicated area of the store with one screened serving position.
- We'd also add a low-screened, modern Post Office till at the retail counter offering most Post Office products and services the same opening hours.
- The proposed premises would provide parking in a dedicated area on the forecourt for customer use. In addition, the new agent proposes to undertake works to create a new rear car park, providing up to 25 additional parking spaces including a designated disabled parking space with a rear entrance to the store area, accessed via either via a ramp with a handrail or steps.
- The postmaster would carry out work to create a marked pedestrian walkway across the petrol station forecourt to provide safe access to the entrance of the proposed premises.
- The proposed premises has an external free to use cash machine.
- All staff employed 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.
- 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.
- 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 New Elgin Post Office. If you would like a supply of posters, please let us know. Our contact details can be found at the top of this page.

Thank you for considering our proposal.

Your faithfully

Sam Williams

**Sam Williams
Divisional Retail Change Manager
Post Office Limited**

New Elgin 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

Current Location	Proposed New Location																																
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A similar range of products and services would still be available.																																	
Serving positions																																	
There would be one screened serving position and a Post Office serving point at the retail counter.																																	
Access																																	
The proposed premises would have a wide automatic door and level access at the main entrance via a step or ramp. Additional there would be a rear entrance to the store area, accessed via either a ramp with a handrail or steps located from the rear car park. Internally, there would be a hearing loop, a low level writing desk, a low level serving counter and space for a wheelchair.																																	
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The proposed premises would be located approximately 400 metres away from the current branch, along mostly level terrain. The proposed premises would provide customer parking within a dedicated forecourt area, with a further 25 space customer car park proposed to the rear of the site including a clearly marked disabled parking bay and to deliver a designated pedestrian walkway across the petrol station forecourt, ensuring safe and convenient access to the premises. There are local buses serving the surrounding area.																																	
Store retail available	Petrol Station & Convenience Store.																																

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.

We sell Royal Mail and Parcelforce Worldwide services.
Postage services from other companies are also available in selected branches.

Services available	Current Branch	Proposed Branch
<u>Everyday Personal & Business Banking</u>		
<u>Cash Withdrawals</u>	✓	✓
<u>Cash Deposits</u>	✓	✓
<u>Cheque Deposits</u>	✓	✓
<u>Mails</u>		
<u>Drop & Go</u>	✓	✓
<u>Parcelforce Express 48 Large</u>	✓	✓
<u>DPD - Buy in branch</u>	x	✓
<u>DPD - Drop off and collections</u>	x	✓
<u>Evri - Buy in branch</u>	x	✓
<u>Evri - Drop off and collections</u>	x	✓
<u>Pay Bills & Top Up</u>		
<u>Pay Bills and Top up</u>	✓	✓
<u>Identity Services</u>		
<u>Document Certification Service</u>	✓	✓
<u>In Branch Verification</u>	x	✓
<u>Driving</u>		
<u>Vehicle Tax</u>	✓	✓
<u>Travel</u>		
<u>Foreign Currency</u>	✓	✓
<u>Travel Insurance</u>	✓	x
<u>Travel Money Card</u>	✓	✓
<u>Your Finances</u>		
<u>Western Union</u>	x	x
<u>Savings application forms</u>	✓	x
<u>Savings Account ID Verification (free)</u>	✓	x
<u>ATM - 24hr</u>	x	✓

Other products are available are available at

[Elgin](#) Post Office
19 Batchen Street, Elgin, IV30 1BH

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.